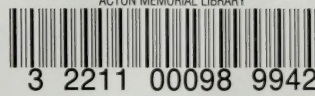


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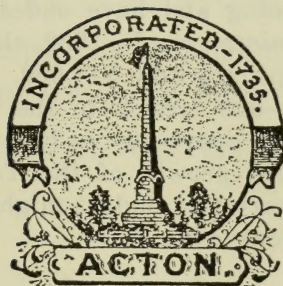
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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

It should be obvious to all voters of the Town of Acton that the inflationary trend of the past few years is still present. While this situation exists the purchasing power of our tax dollar is markedly reduced and we necessarily must spend more money to obtain former equivalent values. This, coupled with the immediate necessity for additional school facilities, leads your Finance Committee to the conclusion that this is not a year for the voting of so-called luxury items.

We believe the several Boards and Committees have appreciated the foregoing and have endeavored to hold their requirements to a minimum. In 1952, the cost of Education will increase by approximately \$17,000. The budget for the Police Department—due largely to the addition of another patrolman—shows an increase of 24% over that of 1951. Barring an unforeseen growth of the Town, it would seem that this Police Department budget might be considered adequate for the next few years.

On the other hand, if the Town chooses to become a part of a Welfare District, costs for this work should show a decrease of about \$900.00 in 1952.

The problem of providing adequate educational facilities is of immediate and primary interest. At the present writing, no new facilities have been voted but estimates based on various solutions to the educational building problem could result in a substantial increase in the annual tax rate. It should be noted that the Acton Center Fire House is now completely paid for so that this item will no longer be reflected in the tax structure.

Recognizing that the Surplus Revenue balance this year is less than in 1951, and believing that the Surplus Revenue Account of the Town should be kept as a cushion, your Com-

mittee has this year reduced the amounts to be withdrawn from this Fund.

Your Finance Committee again feels that those responsible for spending Town funds should be reminded that liabilities incurred in excess of appropriations and without Finance Committee approval in advance are illegal.

We wish to thank the several Boards and Committees for their cooperation during the past year.

ROBERT F. CHARLES

ALBERT S. COOK

NORMAN McINTOSH

HERBERT W. MERRIAM

PRENTICE W. BLOOD, Chairman

JOHN M. WHITTIER, Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, to wit:

Precinct 1—Town Hall, Acton Center

Precinct 2—Congregational Church, South Acton

Precinct 3—Woman's Club House, West Acton

at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the third day of March, 1952, by posting a copy of this warrant, by you attested, at each of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at least before the third day of March.

To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers: Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, collector of taxes, one selectman for three years; one assessor for three years; one member of the board of public welfare for three years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of the school committee for one year (to fill vacancy); one member of the board of health for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for three years; and a tree warden.

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock P.M.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton as aforesaid, to meet at the TOWN HALL, in said Acton on Monday, March 10, 1952, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix the salary and compensation of all the elective officers of the town.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers and boards, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to form a Public Welfare District together with the towns of Bedford and Carlisle, or either of them, under the provisions of Chapter 117 or Chapter 118(b) of the General Laws, said District to become effective April 1, 1952, and to continue until such time as the town may, subject to one year's notification, decide to withdraw, or act anything thereon.

Inasmuch as it becomes mandatory on July 1 that the Agent of the Welfare Department be under civil service and membership in a Welfare District becomes a requirement for State assistance, the adoption of this article is recommended.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 to defray the cost of administration and salaries of personnel for the administration of a public welfare district, or act anything thereon.

The Town will be reimbursed with State and Federal funds for about 82% of the expenditure under this article and the administrative cost to Acton will be reduced by approximately \$900. annually under our present expense. It is therefore recommended that the sum of \$2800. be raised and appropriated.

Article 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

It is recommended that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes herein-after designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the town as follows:

Item	Recommended 1952	Expended 1951
General Government 4.5% of Total		
1 Moderator	\$ 35.00	\$ 15.00
2 Finance Committee Expense	75.00	33.00
3 Selectmeen's Dept. Salaries and Wages	2,975.00	2,498.40
4 Expenses	700.00	137.05
5 Town Accountant Salary and Wages	1,000.00	919.59
6 Expenses	175.00	63.19
7 Treasurer Salary and Wages	1,000.00	1,000.00
8 Expenses	350.00	320.83
9 Collector Salary and Wages	1,800.00	1,800.00
10 Expenses	300.00	282.16
11 Assessors Salaries and Wages ...	2,850.00	2,242.25
12 Expenses	400.00	267.33
13 Town Clerk Salary and Fees	550.00	642.33
14 Expenses	200.00	95.83
15 Elections & Registrations, Sal. & Wages	1,351.00	630.00
16 Expenses	675.00	339.15
17 Total General Government	\$14,436.00	\$11,286.11
Buildings and Grounds 2.2% of Total		
18 Bldgs & Grounds Sal. & Wages ..\$	3,200.00	\$2,370.53
19 Expenses	3,900.00	3,818.66
20 Total Buildings and Grounds\$	7,100.00	\$6,189.19

Protection of Persons and Property 11.6% of Total

21	Police Salaries and Wages	\$ 11,230.00	\$8,782.10
22	Expenses, including Cruiser and uniforms	2,250.00	2,073.30
23	Fire Dept. Salaries and Wages ..	4,030.00	3,094.10
24	Expenses	3,060.00	2,772.25
25	Fire Alarm System Labor	2,700.00	458.67
26	Expenses	600.00	156.04
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	4,700.00	4,505.00
28	Forest Fires	2,000.00	987.80
29	Sealer Wgts & Measures Sal & Wages	250.00	225.00
30	Expenses	50.00	8.77
31	Moth Dept. Salary and Wages ...	1,500.00	1,481.35
32	Expenses	1,200.00	1,195.48
33	Tree Warden Salary and Wages ..	1,750.00	1,748.15
34	Expenses	750.00	749.43
35	Wire Inspector, Salary & Travel	550.00	550.00
36	Expenses	50.00	49.90
37	Dog Officer	450.00	450.00
38	Total Protection	<u>\$37,120.00</u>	<u>\$29,287.34</u>

Health and Sanitation 3% of Total

39	Board of Health Salary and Wages	\$4,614.00	\$5,656.52
40	Expenses	2,446.00	1,874.34
41	Garbage Collection	2,300.00	1,926.50
42	Inspection of Animals	150.00	150.00
43	Expenses	25.00	8.04
44	Total Health and Sanitation	<u>\$9,535.00</u>	<u>\$9,615.40</u>

Highways 10.2% of Total

45	Village Highways	\$3,000.00	\$2,997.87
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46	Chapt. 81 Highways	8,550.00	8,550.00
47	Chapt. 90 Highways	3,000.00	1,200.00
48	Snow Removal	12,000.00	10,999.05
49	Street Lighting	6,000.00	4,992.52
50	Traffic Signs and Lines ..	500.00	384.42
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51	Total Highways	\$33,050.00	\$29,123.86

Charities 16.6% of Total

52	Welfare Dept. Adm.	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,775.11
53	Expenditures (Temporary Aid) .	4,500.00	4,314.29
54	Old Age Expenditure	41,000.00	35,000.00
55	Aid Dep. Children Expenditure ..	6,000.00	8,535.68
55A	Disabled Allowance	1,500.00	—
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56	Total Charities	\$53,450.00	\$49,625.08

Veterans Aid 2% of Total

57	Veterans Benefits Salary & Wages	\$ 150.00	150.00
58	Expenses	150.00	175.35
59	Expenditure	5,000.00	3,244.25
60	Veterans Service Salary & Wages	1,050.00	789.75
61	Expenses	50.00	—
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62	Total Veterans Aid	\$6,400.00	\$4,359.35

Education 42.7% of Total

63	Schools, Salary & Wages	\$110,000.00	\$95,689.35
64	Fuel	4,500.00	3,824.39
65	Books and Supplies	5,800.00	3,851.11
66	Transportation	8,500.00	8,360.00
67	Tuition	—	—
68	Supplies, Power, Rent, Repairs, Misc.	7,100.00	7,058.07

69	Outlay	1,200.00	835.30
70	Library	100.00	96.25
71	Health	500.00	290.90
72	Expenses	—	—
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73	Total Education	\$137,700.00	\$120,005.37

Libraries .9% of Total

74	Libraries Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,314.29
75	Expenses	1,030.00	968.18
76	Books	400.00	300.00
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77	Total Libraries	\$2,930.00	\$2,582.47

Recreation .7% of Total

78	Playgrounds	\$2,200.00	\$1,137.82
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Unclassified 2.3% of Total

79	Misc. Expenses, High School Ins.	\$1,600.00	\$1,357.70
80	Town Reports	1,000.00	944.50
81	Workmen's Compensation	1,750.00	1,546.63
82	Surety Bonds	600.00	433.50
83	Pension Fund	1,689.00	1,410.00
84	Expense Fund	153.00	145.00
84A	Military Service Fund	33.00	—
85	Memorial Day	500.00	486.26
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86	Total Unclassified	\$7,325.00	\$6,433.59

Cemeteries 2.9% of Total

87	Cemeteries Salary & Wages	\$7,300.00	\$5,383.05
88	Expenses	2,100.00	1,899.30
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89	Total Cemeteries	\$9,400.00	\$7,282.35

Maturing Debt & Interest .4% of Total

90	Maturing Debt.	\$1,000.00	\$16,000.00
91	Interest	225.00	232.08
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92	Total Debt & Interest	\$1,225.00	\$16,232.08
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93	Total Budget	\$321,871.00	

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or by right of eminent domain the following described parcels of land for school purposes:

Parcel 1. Containing 0.8 of an acre belonging to Helen A. Knowlton, Jessie L. Knowlton and Evelyn A. Knowlton is bounded North-easterly by land of Warner 406.3 feet, Southerly by land of Warner 338.75 feet and Northwesterly by other land of said Knowltons 297.7 feet.

Parcel 2. Containing 2.8 acres now or formerly belonging to Harry F. Warner is bounded North-erly by Parcel 1 being land of Helen A. Knowlton et. al. 338.75 feet, Easterly by other land of Warner 490.0 feet, Southerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 520.18 feet and Westerly by land of Warner 294.3 feet.

Parcel 3. Containign 16.7 acres belonging to Harry F. Warner is bounded Northerly by land of Helen A. Knowlton et. al. 324 feet, Northerly by land of Heirs of Grace Hall and William C. Kazokas et ux. 688.7 feet, Easterly by said Kazokas land 364 feet, North-erly again by said Kazokas land 65 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 522 feet, Southerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 760.8 feet and Westerly by Parcel 2, land of Warner 490 feet, Westerly by Parcel 1, land of Helen A. Knowlton et. al. 406.3 feet.

Parcel 4. Containing 0.7 of an acre belonging to William C. Kazokas and Jennie A. Kazokas is bounded Northerly by said Kazokas land 102 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 384 feet, Southerly by Parcel 3, land of Warner 65 feet and Westerly by Parcel 3, land of Warner 364 feet.

Parcel 5. Containing 1.2 acres belonging to James W. Baker and Marian B. Baker is bounded Easterly by Charter Road 400 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 270 feet, Northwesterly by Parcel 6, land of Josephine Sebastian 410 feet.

Parcel 6. Containing 4.6 acres belonging to Josephine E. Sebastian is bounded Northerly by Parcel 3, land of Warner 550.81 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 80 feet, Southeasterly by Parcel 5, land of James W. Baker et. ux. 410 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 405.86 feet and Westerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 315 feet.

Parcel 7. Said parcel belongs to Josephine E. Sebastian and is bounded Northerly by land of Harry F. Warner 210 feet, Easterly by other land of said Sebastian 315 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 156 feet, Westerly by other land of said Sebastian 315 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Sebastian 194.5 feet and Southerly again by other land of said Sebastian 63 feet, containing 0.9 of an acre.

and to construct and originally equip and furnish an elementary school building; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, and by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as last amended by Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1951, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee favors an appropriation of not more than \$350,000. under this Article for the construction and furnishing of elementary school facilities, purchase of

necessary land, and minor changes to the present High School. This amount represents a financial burden which the Town can reasonably carry during the next few years and reflects the future need for additional space for high school purposes which will incur further expense to the Town.

In order to determine whether satisfactory facilities can be secured for such an amount, the Finance Committee referred to the Report prepared for the Special School Building Committee of Acton by the Educational Service Associates at a cost of \$2000. On page 55 of the Report is the following statement:

“If unit costs do not materially increase, it may be possible to obtain this unit for a figure between \$250,000. and \$300,000.”.

On the final page (69) of this report is the following important conclusion:

“On the basis of these facts and conclusions it is recommended that:

1. Acton build an eight-room unit adjacent to or integrated with the present high school building and use it to house elementary grades.
2. The site of this centralized school be increased in size by adding land to the north (or northeast) and/or to the west to make a total acreage of at least 25 acres. It seems best to relocate the exit of Charter Road upon Massachusetts Avenue.
3. Acton participate in the development of a regional high school district with neighboring communities.
4. Acton abandon its old elementary buildings and establish a centralized elementary school when the regional high school is opened.”

This program recommended by The Report indicates that Acton's over-all school requirements,—both Elementary and High,—can be satisfied by a net expenditure of approximately one half the money which would be required under other programs which have been suggested.

The fact remains that Acton has neither the resources or borrowing capacity to finance a sound school program under present-day costs except with the fullest measure of State aid attainable through association in a regional school district with at least one neighboring community of sufficient size.

In view of the fact that The Report was prepared by highly qualified professional people of recognized competence, the Finance Committee believes that their unbiased conclusions should be respected. The following estimates represent the financial considerations affecting the construction of an eight-room elementary school:

Estimated Cost of Program

New elementary facilities	\$300,000.00	
Changes to present High School	30,000.00	
Additional land	20,000.00	
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Total Cost		\$350,000.00
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Source of Funds

State Assistance (35% of \$300,000)	\$105,000.00	
Acton's share of 20-year bonds.	215,000.00	
(\$195,000 new bldg. plus possible		
\$20,000 High School renovation)		
1952 Tax Levy	15,000.00	
Surplus revenue (1952 transfer)	15,000.00	
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		\$350,000.00
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Average Annual Charges After 1952

Annual Bond Amortization (Principal \$215,000)		\$10,750.00
Interest @ 2% (av. of 1% over 20 yrs.) (\$215,000 plus \$105,000 x 1%)		3,200.00
		\$13,950.00

Estimated Affect on Tax Rate

Year.	Amount	\$1000 Assessment	Year	Amount	\$1000 Assessment
1952	\$15,000.00	3.75	1963	\$13,950.00	3.48
1953	17,150.00	4.28	1964	13,630.00	3.40
1954	16,830.00	4.20	1965	13,310.00	3.32
1955	16,510.00	4.12	1966	12,990.00	3.24
1956	16,190.00	4.04	1967	12,670.00	3.16
1957	15,870.00	3.96	1968	12,350.00	3.08
1958	15,550.00	3.88	1969	12,030.00	3.00
1959	15,230.00	3.80	1970	11,710.00	2.92
1960	14,910.00	3.72	1971	11,390.00	2.84
1961	14,590.00	3.64	1972	11,070.00	2.76
1962	14,270.00	3.56	1973	10,750.00	2.68

In respect to the acquisition of land under this article, the Finance Committee believes that every reasonable effort should be made to secure satisfactory land east of Charter Road, and to the extent that other land is required it be limited to the land represented by Parcels 3, 5, and 6 (total 22.5 acres) as set forth under this article.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to provide that the committee appointed under Article 37 of the warrant for the town meeting held March 13, 1950, with two additional members to be appointed by the moderator, be designated a school building committee with full authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish the elementary school building.

It is recommended that a new committee, composed of seven members, including persons of recognized competence in the planning and construction of a building of the magnitude contemplated, be appointed for the purpose stated in this article. It is important that such committee enter into no agreements for the design or construction of a new building unless all types of school house construction approved by the State School Building Assistance Commission, and subject to present or impending approval under the Commonwealth's building code, have been carefully examined and efforts made to construct a suitable structure at the lowest reasonable price.

In order to carry out the recommendations of the Educational Service Associates, the Moderator should be authorized to appoint a committee of three persons, the specific duty of which would be to represent Acton in the development of a regional high school district with one or more of appropriate neighboring communities.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Special School Building Committee, for employing a competent person or persons for the sole purpose of drawing plans, specifications and estimated costs for enlargements or additions to the Acton Center School, the South Acton School, and the West Acton School, said enlargements or additions to become a part of each school. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing (12) signatures.)

Additions to the village schools do not appear to offer a satisfactory solution to present problems. The recommendations of the Finance Committee have been adequately presented under Article 7.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Special School Building Committee, for employing a competent person or persons for the sole purpose of drawing plans, specifications and esti-

mated costs for enlargements or additions to the present Acton High School, said enlargements or additions to become a part of the High School itself. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing twelve (12) signatures.)

It is recommended that no money be appropriated under this Article. Additions to the present high school are covered under Article 7.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

It is recommended that \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated under this article.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department, according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

This is the same amount approved by the Town last year and it is recommended that \$500 be approved under this article.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department, according to the provisions of Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1950, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing thirteen (13) signatures.)

It is recommended that no money be appropriated under this article. The appropriation of \$500. under Article 10 is adequate.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to continue the special School Lunch account, according to the provisions of Chapter 417

of the Acts of 1950, or take any action thereon.

The amount requested is double last year's appropriation. Nevertheless, the Finance Committee recommends approval of the \$200. requested, but urges that efforts be made to prevent further increase in this expense.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

This is a routine bookkeeping transfer and should be approved.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that \$250. for this continuing program be approved.

Article 17 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for new construction of Main Street from the Carlisle line to the State Road in North Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with \$4,500.00 to be allotted by the County and \$9,000.00 to be allotted by the State, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends that \$4500. be raised and appropriated for the designated purpose.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$500. or any other sum for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in or sell the old cruiser, or act anything thereon.

This continuing policy of cruiser replacement is approved by the Finance Committee which recommends that \$500. be raised and appropriated.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of snow fences, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that \$200. be approved as requested. This expenditure will complete the present program of snow fence addition.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 or any other sum for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or act anything thereon.

The amount requested is the same as last year and approval of this article is recommended.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that the sum of \$1000 be raised and appropriated for control work. This is the amount recommended by the Mass. Dept. of Conservation in conformance with Section 13, Chapt. 761, Acts of 1949, for the removal and destruction of dead and dying elm trees and is consistent with the expected volume of work during the year.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the cutting of fire lanes and other work in the Town Forest, or act anything thereon.

Recommended, subject to expenditure under the direction of the Town Forest Committee. The sum requested completes a two-year program.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to purchase a 16 m.m. sound motion picture projector and screen to be kept in the custody

of the school authorities and to be available for the use of the School, Fire and other Town Departments and local Civil Defense, Veterans, Church, Scout, and other civic organizations, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee does not recommend the proposed expenditure.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purchase of batteries for the fire alarm system, or act anything thereon.

This appropriation is recommended. It will be used to replace batteries in continuous service since 1935.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways, under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Approval of this article is recommended.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$550.00, or some other sum, for the purchase of an air compressor for operating the fire alarm signal at the South Acton Fire House, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that this expenditure be approved. It will be used to replace the unit now in use which was purchased as second-hand equipment.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, or any other sum, for the extension of the Fire Alarm System from the West Acton Fire House to Mass. Ave.; along Mass Ave. to Wright Terrace; then back along Mass. Ave. to Arlington Street; along Arlington Street to Summer Street; along Summer Street to Willow Street; along Willow Street to Central Street; along Central

Street to Mass. Ave. and then back to the Fire House; also from the corner of High Street and Main Street, South Acton, along Main Street to Pine Street and then back along Main Street to High Street; install six or more fire alarm boxes, or act anything thereon.

The sum requested is the same as last year. It will be used for this expansion program determined by the Board of Fire Engineers.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$1,750.00, or some other sum, for the purchase of 1,000 feet of 2½ inch fire hose, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended. This equipment will be used by all stations.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen, of a road in South Acton, extending in an easterly direction from Piper Road, a distance of approximately 450 feet by land of Harrington, Firth, Lane, Rankin, Williams, and others, a plan of which is filed in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Laurel Court, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for surfacing the same, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that this article be disapproved inasmuch as there is no provision for the betterments being assessed against the owners.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$550.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of an electric generating set, trimmer, and a power mower for the Cemetery Department, or act anything thereon.

Approval of these units for Cemetery Department use is recommended.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$500.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a Lowering Device and Grass Set for the Cemetery Department, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 32. To see if the town of Acton will authorize the Selectmen thereof to convey by suitable deed to Fred L. Robbins and George W. Larrabee of said Acton, and their heirs and assignees, a right of way for the purpose of passing and repassing, upon such terms and conditions for the enjoyment thereof as the Selectmen may determine, through Woodlawn Cemetery, as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Such conveyance of the aforesaid right of way to be in partial consideration of the grant by said Fred L. Robbins and Chester B. Robbins of a parcel of land to the town of Acton, free and clear of any right of way, and without any reservation therein in favor of said Fred L. Robbins and George W. Larrabee to be purchased from Fred L. Robbins and Chester B. Robbins by the town for the purpose of adding and extending said cemetery, or to take any action relating thereto.

Approval is recommended.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to adopt a modified plumbing code as suggested by the Acton Board of Health and so inserted by the Board in the weekly newspaper "The Beacon" week of October 31, 1951; or act anything thereon and incorporate same into the Town By-Laws. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing twelve (12) signatures.)

Finance Committee recommendations unnecessary.

Article 34. To see what the action the town wishes to take in regard to insuring Town Buildings and to see what sums of money shall be raised and appropriated, or act any-

thing thereon. (Inserted by town building insurance committee.)

It is recommended that the sum of \$3000 be raised and appropriated for insuring Town buildings.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$300.00 for the purchase of a power mower for the town common and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property, caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Subsection 1, as amended, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00, or some other sum, for the purchase of a two-way radio to be installed in the Emergency truck, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase and erection of traffic zone speed signs for Central Street from Main Street, South Acton to the Acton-Boxboro line, or act anything thereon.

A similar amount was appropriated last year. It is recommended that this article be approved in order to complete the second part of a four-year program.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections, 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 139 of the General Laws relative to disposal of burnt or dangerous buildings, or act anything thereon.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that \$3000. be raised and appropriated and \$3000. be transferred from Surplus Revenue to be used as a Reserve Fund.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this twenty-ninth day
of January, 1952.

GEORGE S. BRAMAN
ARTHUR W. LEE
LAWRENCE DONNELLY
Selectmen of Acton

A true copy.

Attest:

Constable of Acton

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 12, 1951

Article 1. (Officers) To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town.

Chose: Thelma M. Blood trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose: Clarence Frost trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: H. Stuart MacGregor trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: Roy H. Linscott trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the Tax Collector be Eighteen Hundred including clerk hire.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen be four hundred dollars per annum and the other members three hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salaries of the Assessors be two thousand dollars in the aggregate per annum to be apportioned as they may determine.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum; the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum and that the Board of Public Welfare be authorized to appoint one of its members as agent, at a salary of \$600.00 in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be four hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Tree Warden be fixed at \$1.25 per hour plus 75 cents per hour for use of a truck.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for the annual town meeting and ten dollars for each special meeting.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be one thousand dollars per annum, said salary to be retroactive to January 1, 1951.

Article 2. (Reports) To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers and boards or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the several reports of the town officers as printed.

Article 3. (Reports) To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 4. (Machinery Fund) To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of Twenty-five hundred (2500) dollars from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Article 5. (Trees) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (250) dollars for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees.

Article 6. (Library) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for the maintenance of the public library and reading room, established by the citizens Library Association of West Acton, October 2, 1884, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five (175) dollars to provide for the maintenance of a public library and reading room of the Citizens Library of West Acton as a branch of the Acton Memorial Library.

Article 7. (Library) To see if the town will approve the proposed action of the Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library to open the Acton Memorial Library to the public three afternoons and evenings per week, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 8. (Snow Plow) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$850.00 for the purchase of a snow plow and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell any old snow plows, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Eight hundred fifty (850) dollars for the purchase of a snow plow and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell any old snow plows.

Article 9. (Snow Fence) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of snow fence, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 10. (Construction Main Street) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750.00 for new construction of Main Street from the Carlisle line to the State Road in North Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with \$3,750.00 to be allotted by the County and \$7,500.00 to be allotted by the State or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Seven Hundred Fifty (3750) dollars for new construction of Main Street from the Carlisle line to the State Road in North Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with Thirty-Seven Hundred Fifty (3750) dollars to be allotted by the County and Seven Thousand Five Hundred (7500) dollars to be allotted by the State.

Article 11. (Highways) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00; said sum to be used in conjunction with \$2000.00 to be allotted by the County for repairs to highway culverts, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Two Thousand (2000) dollars; said sum to be used in conjunction with the Two Thousand (2000) dollars to be allotted by the County for repairs to highway culverts.

Article 12. (Highways) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account Chapter 81 Maintenance, State—Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (14250) dollars; Chapter 90 Maintenance, State—Twelve Hundred (1200) dollars. County—Twelve Hundred (1200) dollars; New Construction, State—Seven Thousand Five Hundred (7500) dollars, County—Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty (3,750) dollars; Repairs to Culverts, County—Two Thousand (2,000) dollars; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account.

Article 13. (Vocational Tuition) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand (3000) dollars for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws.

Article 14. (School) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Depart-

ment, according to the provisions of Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1950, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (500) dollars for the conduct of physical education and athlefcics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1950.

Article 15. (School Lunch) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to continue the special school lunch account, according to the provisions of Chapter 417 of the Acts of 1950, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred (100) dollars to continue the special school lunch account according to the provisions of Chapter 417 of the Acts of 1950.

Article 16. (Expenses) To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the town as follows:

General Government

1	Moderator	\$ 25.00
2	Finance Committee	100.00
3	Selectmen Salaries & Wages	2,610.00
4	Expenses	200.00
5	Town Accountant Salary & Wages.	1,000.00
6	Expenses	50.00
7	Treasurer Salary & Wages	1,000.00
8	Expenses	300.00
9	Collector Salary & Wages.....	1,800.00
10	Expenses	300.00
11	Assessors, Salaries & Wages	2,350.00
12	Expenses	500.00

13	Town Clerk, Salary & Fees	550.00	
14	Expenses	200.00	
15	Elections & Registrations, Salary & Wages	825.00	
16	Expenses	250.00	
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17	Total General Government ...		\$12,060.00

Buildings and Grounds

18	Buildings & Grounds Salaries & Wages	2,950.00	
19	Expenses	4,275.00	
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20	Total Buildings & Grounds ..		\$7,225.00

Protection of Persons & Property

21	Police, Salaries & Wages	7,010.00	
22	Expenses inc. cruiser & uniforms	2,200.00	
23	Fire Dept., Salaries & Wages	3,005.00	
24	Expenses	2,455.00	
25	Fire Alarm System Labor	700.00	
26	Expenses	200.00	
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	4,600.00	
28	Forest Fire	1,750.00	
29	Sealer of Weights & Measures Salary & Wages	225.00	
30	Expenses	50.00	
31	Moth Dept., Salary & Wages	1,500.00	
32	Expenses	1,200.00	
33	Tree Warden, Salary & Wages ...	1,750.00	
34	Expenses	750.00	
35	Wire Inspector, Salary & Travel .	550.00	
36	Expenses	50.00	
37	Dog Officer	450.00	
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38	Total Protection		\$28,445.00

Health and Sanitation

39	Board of Health, Salary and Wages	4,464.00	
40	Expenses	2,696.00	
41	Garbage Collection	2,000.00	
42	Inspection of Animals	150.00	
43	Expenses	25.00	
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44	Total Health and Sanitation ...		\$9,335.00

Highways

45	Village Highways	3,000.00	
46	Chapter 81 Highways	8,550.00	
47	Chapter 90 Highways	1,200.00	
48	Snow Removal	11,000.00	
49	Street Lighting	6,250.00	
50	Traffic Signs and Lines	500.00	
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51	Total Highways		\$30,500.00

Charities

52	Welfare Dept. and Adm.	1,300.00	
53	Expenditures	4,500.00	
54	Old Age Expenditure	35,000.00	
55	A.D.C. Children Expenditure ...	5,000.00	
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56	Total Charities		\$45,800.00

Veterans Aid

57	Veterans Benefits, Salary and Wages	150.00	
58	Expenses	100.00	
59	Expenditure	5,000.00	
60	Veterans' Service, Salary and Wages	1,050.00	
61	Expenses	50.00	
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62	Total Veterans Aid		\$6,350.00

Education

63	Schools, Salaries and Wages	96,000.00	
64	Fuel	4,000.00	
65	Books & Supplies	3,500.00	
66	Transportation	8,500.00	
67	Tuition		
68	Janitor's Supplies, Power, Repairs and Miscellaneous	7,100.00	
69	Outlay	1,000.00	
70	Library	100.00	
71	Health	350.00	
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73	Total Education		\$120,550.00
72	Expenses		

Libraries

74	Libraries, Salaries & Wages	1,300.00	
75	Expenses	1,100.00	
76	Books	300.00	
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77	Total Libraries		\$2,700.00

Recreation

78	Playgrounds	2,500.00	\$2,500.00
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Unclassified

79	Miscellaneous Expense	1,500.00	
80	Town Reports	1,000.00	
81	Workmen's Compensation	1,300.00	
82	Surety Bonds	600.00	
83	Pension Fund	1 410.00	
84	Expense Fund	145.00	
85	Memorial Day	500.00	
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86	Total Unclassified		\$6,455.00

Cemeteries

87	Cemeteries, Salaries & Wages ...	5,400.00	
88	Expenses	1,900.00	
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89	Total Cemeteries		\$7,300.00

Maturing Debt & Interest

90	Maturing Debt	16,000.00	
91	Interest	255.00	
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92	Total Debt & Interest		\$16,255.00
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93	TOTAL BUDGET		\$295,475.00

Special Articles:

Art. 5	Replacement of shade trees	250.00
Art. 6	Citizens Library, West Acton	175.00
Art. 10	Construction of Main Street	3,750.00
Art. 13	Vocational Tuition ...	3,000.00
Art. 14	Physical education ...	500.00
Art. 15	School Lunch Account.	100.00
Art. 17	Redecorate interior of Memorial Library	375.00
Art. 20	Feeding shade trees ..	500.00
Art. 21	Police Department New Man	1,950.00
Art. 22	Eradication of poison ivy	1,000.00
Art. 25	Town Forests cutting brush	250.00
Art. 27	Mt. Hope Cemetery Oiling roads	800.00
Art. 28	Fire-Alarm System ...	2,500.00
Art. 30	Chairs for Town Hall .	350.00

Art. 33	Insurance—High School	120.00
Art. 35	Fire Escape, Town Hall	450.00
Art. 39	Insurance	700.00
Art. 44	Traffic zone signs	1,000.00
Art. 47	Civil Defense	4,000.00
Art. 48	Special School Building Committee	2,000.00
Art. 51	Reserve Fund	3,000.00

Total to be raised and appropriated under Special Articles	\$ 26,770.00
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Total Voted to be raised and appropriated	\$322,245.00
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Transfers:

Art. 4	Machinery Account ...	2,500.00
Art. 8	Snow plow	850.00
Art. 11	Highway culverts	2,000.00
Art. 12	Maintenance, State Chapter 81	14,250.00
Art. 12	Maintenance, State Chapter 90	1,200.00
Art. 12	Maintenance, County Chapter 90.....	1,200.00
Art. 12	New Construction State	7,500.00
Art. 12	New Construction County	3,750.00
Art. 12	Repairs to culverts, County	2,000.00
Art. 18	Fire Dept. equipment .	1,200.00
Art. 19	Police Dept., new cruiser	400.00
Art. 24	New Compressor Acton Center Fire House	1,800.00

Art. 29	Power Mower	300.00
Art. 31	Redecorating high school	1,000.00
Art. 32	Center school heating system	4,000.00
Art. 37	Forest Fire pump	900.00
Art. 38	Painting exterior of town hall	2,100.00
Art. 41	Woodlawn Cemetery, purchase land	8,200.00
Art. 42	Woodlawn Cemetery from Cemetery land fund	1,000.00
Art. 42	Mt. Hope Cemetery from Cemetery land fund	500.00
Art. 51	Reserve Fund from Overlay Surplus	3,000.00

Total Transfers	<u>\$ 59,650.00</u>
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Grand Total	<u>\$381 895.00</u>
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Article 17 (Memorial Library) To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to redecorate the interior of the Acton Memorial Library or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-Five (375) dollars to redecorate the interior of the Acton Memorial Library

Article 18 (Fire Department) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purchase of necessary equipment for the Fire Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Twelve Hundred (1200) dollars for the purchase of necessary equipment for the Fire Department.

Article 19. (Police Cruiser) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$400.00 or any other sum for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old cruiser, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Four Hundred (400) dollars for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old cruiser.

Article 20. (Feeding Trees) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the feeding of our shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (500) dollars for the feeding of our shade trees.

Article 21. (Policeman) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,950.00 for the salary of another patrolman for the Police Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That another full time patrolman be appointed to the Police Department and that the sum of \$1,950.00 be raised and appropriated as salary therefor.

Article 22. (Poison Ivy) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 or any other sum, for the Tree Department for eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (1000) dollars for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets, and school grounds and to be spent under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 23. (Zoning By-Laws) To see if the town will vote to authorize a board or committee to draw up a set of simple Zoning By-Laws for the Town of Acton; to determine the number to be on said board or committee, and to determine how the said board or committee shall be formed; or to act anything thereon.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint a Zoning Board of five members to draw up a set of Zoning By-Laws for the Town of Acton and to report at the next annual Town Meeting.

Hand Vote Tellers Appointed:

Ormal Laffin
James E. Kinsley

Ray L. Harris
Theron A. Lowden

To pass over the article
Yes 148 No 165

Hand vote for the above motion
Yes 176 No 130

Article 24. (Compressor, Fire Dept.) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$1800.00 for the purchase and installation of new compressor and air tanks for the Acton Center fire house, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Eighteen Hundred (1800) dollars for the purchase and installation of a new compressor and air tanks for the Acton Center fire house.

Article 25. (Town Forest) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the cutting of brush, fire lanes and other work in the Town Forest, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (250) dollars for the cutting of brush, fire lanes and other work in the Town Forests.

Article 26. (Dutch Elm Disease) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the control work of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 27. (Mt. Hope Cemetery) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 or any other sum for the purpose of oiling roads and avenues in Mt. Hope Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred (800) dollars for the purpose of oiling roads and avenues in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Article 28 (Fire Alarm System) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 or any other sum, for the extension of the Fire Alarm System from Acton Center along Concord Road and Great Road to the Acton-Concord line, then back along Great Road (Route 2) to Davis Road, then to Brook Street, along Brook Street to Main Street and along Main Street to Acton Center with four or more fire alarm boxes, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred (2500) dollars for the extension of the Fire Alarm System from Acton Center along Concord Road and Great Road to the Acton-Concord line, then back along Great Road to Davis Road, then to Brook Street, along Brook Street to Main Street and along Main Street to Acton Center with four or more fire alarm boxes.

Article 29. (Power Mower) To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of a power mower for the playgrounds, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of Three Hundred (300) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of a power mower for the playgrounds.

Article 30. (Town Hall Chairs) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for folding chairs for the lower hall of the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty (350) dollars for folding chairs for the lower hall of the Town Hall.

Article 31. (High School) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for completing the refinishing and repainting of the High School interior, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of One Thousand (1000) dollars for completing the refinishing and repainting of the High School interior.

Article 32 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 (additional funds) for the installation of a new state approved school type heating unit at the Center School, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of Four Thousand (4000) dollars be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account for the installation of a new state approved school type heating unit at the Center School.

Article 33. (High School Fire Insurance) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120.00 to renew the \$10,000.00 fire insurance policy on the Acton High School for three years, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty (120) dollars to renew the \$10,000.00 fire insurance policy on the Acton High School for three years.

Article 34 (Insurance) To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to investigate and recommend the advisability of insuring all or any part of the town buildings or equipment and report at the next annual or a special town meeting or act anything thereon.

Voted: To instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to investigate and recommend the advisability of insuring all or any part of the town buildings or equipment and report at the next annual town meeting.

Committee appointed by Moderator:

Howard J. Billings Benjamin J. Ineson
Wilson D. Sked

Article 35. (Town Hall) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for repairs to the fire escape on the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty (450) dollars for repairs to the fire escape on the Town Hall.

Article 36. (Water Tax Assessment) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the water tax assessment on all town owned buildings and land or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the Article

Article 37. (Forest Fire Pump) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$900.00 for the purchase of a new portable forest fire pump, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Nine Hundred (900) dollars for the purchase of a new portable forest fire pump.

Article 38. (Town Hall) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100.00 for the painting of the exterior of the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Twenty One Hundred (2100) dollars for the painting of the exterior of the Town Hall.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property, caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter.Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Subsection 1, as amended, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred (700) dollars to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as

provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter.Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, as amended.

Article 40. (Fire House) To see if the town will vote to rescind the action under Article 27 at the annual town meeting, held March 13, 1950, or act anything thereon, said article having read as follows: to see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 or any other sum, for the construction of a new fire house in Acton Center on the present fire house location, according to plans submitted by the fire house committee, and determine how the same shall be raised, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 41. (Cemetery Land) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to purchase for burial purposes, two parcels of land, approximately 42 acres, adjoining and near Woodlawn Cemetery in the easterly part of Acton, Mass., as described in the "Description of Parcels" in the report of the Cemetery Commissioners in the town report for the year 1950; and to raise by taxation or appropriate from the Surplus Revenue \$8,200.00 or any other sum, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to purchase for burial purposes, two parcels of land, approximately forty-two (42) acres, adjoining and near Woodlawn Cemetery in the easterly part of Acton, Mass., as described in the "Description of Parcels" in the report of the Cemetery Commissioners in the town report for the year 1950; and to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account Eight Thousand Two Hundred (8,200) dollars for the purchase of the same.

Article 42. (Cemetery Land) To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 from the Cemetery Land Fund to be divided as follows: \$1,000.00 for Woodlawn Cemetery, and \$500.00 for Mt. Hope Cemetery, for the purpose of clearing, grading and laying out new sections for cemetery lots, and to authorize said Cemetery Commissioners to do anything necessary, proper, or expedient for carrying out the above purposes or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of Fifteen Hundred (1500)

dollars from the Cemetery Land Fund to be divided as follows: One Thousand (1000) dollars for Woodlawn Cemetery, and Five Hundred (500) dollars for Mt. Hope Cemetery, for the purpose of clearing, grading and laying out new sections for cemetery lots, and authorize said Cemetery Commissioners to do anything necessary, proper or expedient for carrying out the above purposes.

Article 43. (Orchard Drive) To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of a road in West Acton extending in an easterly and northerly direction from Central Street, a distance of approximately 900 feet by land of Sked, French, Smith, Hitchcock, and others, a plan of which is filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said way to be named Orchard Drive, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That Orchard Drive as shown on a plan of land of Albert R. Jenks, dated September 1, 1949 and filed in the Town Clerk's office, be accepted as a town way.

Article 44. (Traffic Signs) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase and erection of traffic zone speed signs for Main Street from the Maynard line to Route 2; and from the Concord-Acton line to the Acton-Maynard line on Route 62, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (1000) dollars for the purchase and erection of traffic zone speed signs for Main Street from the Maynard line to Route 2 and from the Concord-Acton line to the Acton-Maynard line on Route 62.

Article 45. (By-Laws) To see if the town will vote to amend Section two (2) of the Town By-Laws by adding the following articles, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. Every way that shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, shall be laid out forty feet or more in width, with twenty-four feet or more of approved road building materials that shall meet the requirements of the Planning Board.

Article 12. If an existing private way shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, such way shall not be accepted unless and until the Planning Board shall have certified in writing that such way meets the requirements of Article 11.

Motion did not prevail.

Article 46. (Union Health Departments) To see if the town will vote for the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and study the provisions of Chapter 662 of the Acts of 1949, the act relative to the organization of union health departments, and determine the desirability of (Town) Acton, Mass., joining with one or more of the following towns: Concord, Carlisle, Maynard, Littleton, Westford, Stow, Bedford, Sudbury, Lexington or others, to form a union health department. This committee to report its findings to the next town meeting.

Voted: That the Moderator appoint a committee of five to investigate and study the provisions of Chapter 662 of the Acts of 1949, the act relative to the organization of union health departments and determine the desirability of (Town) Acton, Mass., joining with one or more of the following towns: Concord, Carlisle, Maynard, Littleton, Westford, Stow, Bedford, Sudbury, Lexington or others to form a union health department. This committee to report its findings to the next town meeting. Committee appointed by the Moderator: Ellis C. Johnson, Lossie E. Laird, Arno H. Perkins, Allen M. Christofferson, and Clarence Frost.

Article 47. (Civil Defense) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 or any other sum for the Civil Defense Agency of the Town of Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (4000) dollars for the Civil Defense Agency of the Town of Acton.

Article 48. (Survey, High School) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Special School Building Committee for employing a com-

petent person or persons to make a survey to determine probable enrollment in grades 9 to 12 in 1959 to 1964, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand (2,000) dollars to be expended under the direction of the Special School Building Committee for employing a competent person or persons to make a survey to determine probable enrollment in grades 9 to 12 in 1959 to 1964 inclusive.

Article 49. (Planning Board) To see if the town will vote under authority of Chapter 41, Section 81A of the General Laws, to establish a Planning Board to consist of not less than five members and not more than nine; the terms of office to be so arranged that the term of at least one member will expire each year, and their successors shall be elected for terms of five years each, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 50. (Planning Board) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as the Planning Board under Chapter 41, General Laws, Section 81A; until such time as an official Planning Board is elected at a subsequent annual meeting, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 51. (Reserve Fund) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand (3000) dollars for the Reserve Fund and to transfer three thousand (3000) dollars from the overlay surplus for the Reserve Fund.

Voted: To adjourn at 11:30 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE

Town Clerk

**ABSTRACTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL
TOWN MEETING, APRIL 30, 1951**

Article 1. (Center Fire House) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 or any other sum to finish the interior of the second floor of the new Acton Center Fire House to make it suitable for school class rooms, or act anything thereon. (Requested by the Fire House Building Committee.)

Voted Unanimously: To transfer the sum of Eight Thousand (8000) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Acton Center Fire House Building Committee for adaptation of the building to school room purposes and for finishing the Center Fire House driveways and grounds.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN S. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTION, MARCH 5, 1951

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Whole number of ballots cast .	375	424	437	1236

MODERATOR, one year

Albert P. Durkee	354	356	395	1105
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	21	68	41	130

TOWN CLERK, one year

Harlan E. Tuttle	356	377	409	1142
Scattered	1			1
Blanks	18	47	28	93

SELECTMAN, three years

James Edward Kinsley	154	177	218	549
Arthur W. Lee	215	232	207	654
Blanks	6	15	12	33

ASSESSOR, three years

James W. Baker	343	364	407	1114
Blanks	32	60	30	122

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, three years

Lossie E. Laird	334	343	367	1044
Scattered			2	2
Blanks	41	81	68	190

TREASURER, one year

William Henry Soar	345	375	399	1119
Blanks	30	49	38	117

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, one year

A. Perry Marble	326	335	382	1043
Blanks	49	89	55	193

COLLECTOR OF TAXES, one year

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Ethel A. Davis	351	375	414	1140
Blanks	24	49	23	96

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, three years

H. Calvin Gaebel	169	246	194	609
Dana B. Hinckley	244	170	218	632
Gertrude P. Tuttle	229	276	286	791
Blanks	108	156	176	440

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, one year

Wilson D. Sked	140	190	219	549
Theodore G. Williams	187	160	192	539
Blanks	48	74	26	148

CONSTABLES, one year

Michael Foley	328	349	389	1066
T. Frederick S. Kennedy	325	328	377	1030
Ivar Peterson	342	335	379	1056
Robert George Willett	325	333	373	1031
Scattered	2		1	3
Blanks	178	351	229	758

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, three years

Ray L. Harris	341	360	386	1087
Blanks	34	64	51	149

BOARD OF HEALTH, three years

Martin J. Duggan	143	202	253	598
Bradford S. Leach	196	158	155	509
Blanks	36	64	29	129

TRUSTEE OF MEMORIAL LIBRARY, three years

Florence A. Merriam	342	362	380	1084
Blanks	33	62	57	152

TREE WARDEN

Franklin H. Charter	133	149	256	538
James J. Knight	195	152	109	456
Michael A. Travers	38	101	52	191
Blanks	9	22	20	51

QUESTION REGIONAL SCHOOL

Yes	136	106	131	373
No	219	281	282	782
Blanks	20	37	24	81

RECOUNT

Town Election held March 5, 1951 on School Committee — One Year

We certify that the following is a true record of votes given for School Committee, term one year to fill vacancy, in the Town of Acton, at the election held on the 5th day of March 1951, as determined by a recount held March 16, 1951.

Wilson D. Sked, 4 Orchard Drive	547	Votes
Theodore G. Williams, 7 Church Street	537	Votes
Blanks	152	Votes
Whole number of ballots cast	1236	

Registrars of Voters
of the Town of Acton.

James B. Wilson
Julia A. Barry
Grace J. Cullinane
Harlan E. Tuttle

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Acton, we hereby submit reports of the several departments under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

During the year, the Board held 52 regular meetings and 9 special meetings. The Board has also attended several meetings of the Middlesex County Selectmen's Association, as well as two hearings with the County Commissioners relative to relocation and specific repairs to Hammond Street and River Street.

Additional chairs have been purchased for the downstairs of the town hall thereby providing adequate seating capacity for meetings.

Repairs were made on the fire escape of the town hall, after which one coat of paint was applied to the whole building. The second coat will be put on next spring.

On April 19th, 1951, the historic "Isaac Davis" Plow was returned to the town. This was made possible through the efforts of the local D. A. R. Chapter and Mr. Allister MacDougall of Westford. The plow was officially presented to and accepted by the town on November 8, 1951.

During the year, the Board met with the School Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ernest Simpson.

A public hearing was held last fall in the office of the Department of Public Utilities relative to automatic controlled gates at the railroad crossings on Mass. Ave. and Arlington Street. A number of townspeople as well as the Board were present and protested the installation of automatic gates on Mass. Ave.

The town lines between Carlisle and Acton, Littleton and Acton, Boxboro and Acton, and Westford and Acton were perambulated during the year. A corner bound between Boxboro, Littleton and Acton has been covered up by the construction of the new road. The County Commissioners have been informed of this situation.

During the year, it became necessary, due to the county pension system, for Mr. Howard L. Jones, town accountant, to retire after 35 years of faithful service to the town. Mr. Donald Nylander has been appointed town accountant to succeed Mr. Jones.

We wish, at this time, to thank all committees, department heads and town employees for their interest and cooperation during the year 1951.

GEORGE S. BRAMAN

ARTHUR W. LEE

LAWRENCE DONNELLY

Selectmen of Acton

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

George S. Braman	Term Expires 1952
Lawrence Donnelly	Term Expires 1953
Arthur W. Lee	Term Expires 1954

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

Carl C. Flint	Term Expires 1952
Albert P. Durkee	Term Expires 1953
James W. Baker	Term Expires 1954

Collector of Taxes

Ethel A. Davis

Tree Warden

Franklin H. Charter

Board of Public Welfare

A. Perry Marble	Term Expires 1952
Walter B. Stevens	Term Expires 1953
Lossie E. Laird	Term Expires 1954

Constables

Ivar Peterson
T. Frederick S. Kennedy

Robert G. Willett
Michael Foley

Cemetery Commissioners

Howard F. JonesTerm Expires 1952
Harry E. HoltTerm Expires 1953
Ray L. HarrisTerm Expires 1954

School Committee

Marion C. ReedTerm Expires 1952
Wilson D. SkedTerm Expires 1952
*Ernest SimpsonTerm Expires 1953
Eleanore H. HollisTerm Expires 1953
Gertrude P. TuttleTerm Expires 1954
Dana B. HinckleyTerm Expires 1954
**Leo C. Cunningham
*Resigned **Elected to replace*

Trustees of Memorial Library

Gertrude P. TuttleTerm Expires 1952
Wendell F. DavisTerm Expires 1953
Florence A. MerriamTerm Expires 1954

Board of Health

O. Lawrence ClarkTerm Expires 1952
Herbert L. LeusherTerm Expires 1953
Martin J. DugganTerm Expires 1954

Agent of Board of Health

Edward J. Higgins

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Grace O. LearsTerm Expires 1952
Clara L. SawyerTerm Expires 1953
Thelma M. BloodTerm Expires 1954

Trustees of West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

James B. Wilson	Term Expires 1952
Arno H. Perkins	Term Expires 1953
H. Stuart MacGregor	Term Expires 1954

Trustees of Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Herbert Merriam	Term Expires 1952
Frederick T. Kennedy	Term Expires 1953
Clarence Frost	Term Expires 1954

Trustees of Goodnow Fund

Horace F. Tuttle	Term Expires 1952
Charles E. Smith	Term Expires 1953
Roy H. Linscott	Term Expires 1954

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTMEN — 1951

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milbery

Office: Town Hall

Hours: 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Meetings: Board of Selectmen, Tuesday evenings at 7:30

Board of Public Welfare

First and third Mondays at 1:00

Finance Committee

John M. Whittier	Prentice W. Blood
Herbert W. Merriam	Albert S. Cook
Robert F. Charles	Norman McIntosh

Superintendent of Streets

Russell C. Berry

Town Accountant

*Howard L. JonesTerm Expires 1953
**Donald O. Nylander
*Retired **Appointed to replace*

Registrars of Voters

Julia A. BarryTerm Expires 1952
James B. WilsonTerm Expires 1953
Grace J. CullinaneTerm Expires 1954
Harlan E. TuttleEx-Officio

Election Officers

Precinct I

Warden—Alice C. Duren
Clerk—James A. Wayne
Inspector—Paul C. Cornwall
Inspector—Paul A. Coughlin
Deputy Warden—Mary F. McCarthy
Deputy Clerk—Helen R. Edwards
Deputy Inspector—Edith M. Hollowell
Deputy Inspector—Leo T. McCarthy
Teller—Marion C. Jewell
Teller—Gladys Duston

Precinct II

Warden—Doris Soar
Clerk—Gladys M. Connolly
Inspector—Marian L. Piper
Inspector—Sophia Walsh
Deputy Warden—Margaret Larsen
Deputy Clerk—Anne R. Christofferson
Deputy Inspector—Hazel P. Vose
Deputy Inspector—Margaret F. Heath

Teller—Martha I. Lowden
Teller—Mabel S. McKelvie

Precinct III

Warden—Marion C. Reed
Clerk—Phyllis K. Sprague
Inspector—Barbara J. McPhee
Inspector—Martin J. Duggan
Deputy Warden—Harry E. Holt
Deputy Clerk—Annie E. Smith
Deputy Inspector—Barbara Nylander
Deputy Inspector—Genevieve L. Hatch
Teller—Helen G. Phillips
Teller—Margaret H. Allsopp

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer

Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer — Precinct I
Lloyd W. Priest, Asst. Engineer — Precinct II
Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer—Precinct III

Inspector of Animals

Arno H. Perkins

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser

Sealer of Weights and Measures

A. Perry Marble

Town Forest Committee

Arno H. Perkins	Term Expires 1952
Emery D. Nelson	Term Expires 1953
Franklin H. Charter	Term Expires 1954

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Oliver D. Wood

Charles E. Smith

Fence Viewers

Robert G. Willett

Louis F. Leveroni

Foster R. MacKinnon

Field Drivers

Arno H. Perkins

Benjamin H. Sawyer

Benjamin E. Derby

Superintendent of Moth Work

Franklin H. Charter

Inspector of Wires

Byrd D. Goss

Police Officers

*Michael Foley, Chief

Edward J. Collins, Jr.

Roy H. Linscott

Chauncey R. Fenton, Jr.

Ray L. Harris

Viola M. Foley

Edward J. Higgins

Benjamin H. Sawyer

Louis F. Leveroni

George A. Morse

Alexander W. Whiteneck

*Civil Service—Permanent

Burial Agent

Edward J. Higgins

Veterans' Agent

Edward J. Higgins

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

Frederic W. Rimbach

Superintendent of Goward Field

Frederic W. Rimbach

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Howard L. Jones

Director of Veterans' Services

Theron A. Lowden

Public Weighers

William Braman

G. Howard Reed

A. W. Davis

M. B. Ferber

Philip Newell

Thomas Hearon

Albert R. Jenks

Porter G. Jenks

Louise Garceau

Ruth Durkin

Otis J. Reed

Carl W. Flint

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fire Department for the year ending 1951.

Total number of alarms responded to are as follows:

Residential	13
Manufacturing	4
Mercantile	1
Miscellaneous	1
Automobile	7
False	1
Emergency	11
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	38

Total loss to Building and Contents\$84,785.00

Collected for Automobile Accidents causing damage to Fire Alarm	64.15
Collected for Oil, Gas, Blasting Permits	88.50

The new compressor and air tanks have been installed at the Acton Center Station and passed by the State Inspector.

The new fire alarm extension has been completed in Precinct 1 and is in operation. Also three new alarm boxes were installed, namely No. 13 at the Grammar School, No. 131 at Great Rd. and Keefe Rd., No. 136 at Great Rd. and Davis Road.

The Fire Department equipment is in good condition except as recommended.

I would recommend an extension of the fire alarm system in West Acton.

This extension to take in Mass. Ave. from Fire Station to Davis Terrace, Arlington St. from Mass. Ave to Homestead St., Willow St. from Laffin's Garage to Homestead St., up half way on Homestead St., and back to Willow. Then up Summer St. to Arlington and back to the Fire Station with four boxes. Also an extension in South Acton from the Acton Supply on Main St. to approximately Laffin's Ice Cream Stand and one box installed.

I would recommend replacing the Air Compressor at South Acton. This air compressor is approximately 25 years old and was second hand when purchased. It has given a lot of trouble in the last few years and certainly is not dependable.

I would recommend the town purchase as soon as possible three radios for the fire trucks, one in each station. The Civil Defense installed one in my car this year which has proved very successful. It has enabled me to contact help without delay and on the job where communication is needed.

I would recommend the purchasing of 2½ inch hose, and I would like to say here that at the present time we have ample hose to equip each truck, but after each fire or when the hose is used it has to be cleaned and dried before it is packed back on the truck, therefore, we should have enough spare hose to replace what was used as each truck has to be ready for service at all times and of course, cannot wait for drying process. This condition has come to my attention twice this year.

The new Fire Station at Acton Center was completed and accepted October 17, 1951, and certainly is an improvement to the Village. It will serve the Town for a great many years.

I would strongly recommend that some action be taken at this time about permanent men to handle the fire alarm system, as I understand the dial telephone will be in operation in August of this year. As this situation may take a lot of study, we should be prepared for it beforehand.

In closing my report I would like to say this, the town is growing fast and will continue to do so, so we in the fire service in order to be efficient must grow with it.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Forest Warden submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

Total number of Grass and Brush Fires	38
Collected for illegal fires	\$738.50

The new forest fire pump was purchased and put into service on April 22, 1951.

I report that the forest fire equipment is in excellent condition and no new equipment is needed this year. As this was an unusually wet season the fires were not serious.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Forest Warden

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1951. Said report includes all arrests made within the town during the past year. Arrests and prosecutions for the following offenses:

Drunkenness	11
Operating a motor vehicle under influence of liquor	4
Operating without a license	18
Operating after suspension of license	3
Operating so lives and safety might be endangered	9
School bus law violations	3
Speeding	37
Red light violations	5
Stop sign violations	5
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	7
Operating an uninsured motor vehicle	6
Impeded operation of motor vehicle	1
Allowing improper person to operate	1
Allowing uninsured vehicle to be operated	1
Law of the road	2
Following too close	1
Attaching plates	1
Gaming or being present at	5
Maintaining an unlawful gaming place	1
Larceny of an automobile	1
Assault and battery	1
Assault on a police officer	1
Threatening bodily harm	1
Delinquent children complaints	2
Non-Support	1

Collecting junk without a license	4
Larceny	1
Vagrancy	1
Non-payment of wages	1

Miscellaneous:

Operators booked and warned for motor vehicle violations	686
Cars checked by patrol	389
Reported to Registrar for suspension of license	7
Cars tagged for all night parking	15
Summons served	48
Doors found unlocked in buildings	67
Complaints received and investigated	276
Property checked at request of owners	69
Persons transported via emergency cruiser ambulance	13
Persons transported to State Hospital	2

Motor Vehicle accident report:

	1950	1951
Accidents reported	58	56
Occupants injured	59	32
Pedestrians injured	2	2
Fatal accidents	1	0

Our accident record this year has shown great improvement and I am pleased to report that there were no fatalities.

Radio:

We have, at the present time, one of the best police radio hookups in the state. Our two new stations, KCB875 at the Police Station at the Town Hall and Station KCB876 at the Chief's home, are on the same frequencies as KCA685 (Concord Police) and KCA313 (Maynard Police) and any calls put out by any one of these stations can be picked up by police cruisers in Concord, Acton, Maynard and Lincoln.

These stations form a radio communication system between these police departments that has proved essential. During the past year a total of 605 messages were logged here through the four stations.

As recommended in my report last year and for which money was appropriated at the last annual town meeting, radio stations were installed and radio communication made possible between the police and fire departments. On October 12th, a 30-watt station was installed at the Chief's home, 60 Prospect Street, South Acton and on October 29th, a 60-watt station was installed and put into operation at the police station in the Town Hall. Since going into service, 189 messages have been received through these stations, 34 from KCB876 and are broken down as follows: Water Dept.—1, Fire Dept.—10, and Police Dept.—178. The station at the Chief's home is operated by Mrs. Foley and the Chief after his regular hours of work, without cost to the town. The following have been granted licenses to operate the stations by the Federal Communications Commission: Virginia Milbery, Viola M. Foley, C. R. Fenton, Jr., E. J. Collins, Jr., E. J. Higgins and Chief Michael Foley.

Auxiliary Police:

The Auxiliary Police unit, which was formed as a Civil Defense measure, held only two meetings during the year. More meetings would have been held only for the lack of interest in Civil Defense as a whole. However, I recommend that this unit be kept intact for future developments.

Traffic:

I recommend that Speed Limit signs be installed on Central Street and Massachusetts Avenue, West Acton and Concord Road, Acton Center this year.

Cruiser:

The cruiser will have an estimated speedometer reading of 60,000 miles by April 1st and I recommend that the present car be traded in for a 1952 model.

Call Acton 169 for Police:

All calls, day or night, should be made by calling Acton 169. If the officer on duty is on patrol, he will be notified by radio of your call. If the officer is at some other place, your call will be transferred to that number by the operator. In an emergency, simply call Emergency Acton 169—state the nature of the emergency and your location before leaving the telephone. Never try to contact the officer direct by radio. This means of contacting the police will have to be changed when the local Telephone Exchange goes to dial. It is hoped that by that time, a suitable method of handling police calls will be worked out.

Your Police Department is on duty twenty-four hours a day and is always willing to serve you.

In closing, I wish to thank all the officers of this department who cooperated with me in carrying out the duties of the Police Department during the past year. I also wish to express my thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation during the past year and to the local telephone operators for their efficient handling of our emergency calls and to the personnel of the Concord Police Department for their radio broadcasts. To all others who in any way assisted us, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Sealer of Weights and Measures, for the year ending December 31, 1951.

In the past year I have sealed 302 weighing and measuring devices. Some of these had to be adjusted. The State Department loaned their Tank Truck Meter for sealing tank trucks.

Sealing fees collected \$142.45. The same was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PERRY MARBLE,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit my report as Inspector of Wires for the year ending December 31, 1951.

Two hundred forty-nine (249) permits were issued. Six hundred sixty-two dollars and twenty-five cents, (\$662.25) collected for the above permits.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. GOSS,
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report concerning the work of the Highway Department for the year of 1951.

The usual maintenance work of cleaning, scraping, patching, drainage, and brush cutting was carried on.

Five cap stone culverts were replaced with steel pipe.

Several hundred feet of cable guard rail was erected on various streets.

Pine Street was constructed.

Surface treatment of asphalt was applied to the usual mileage of streets.

Another section of Main Street was completed. A Considerable amount of ledge had to be removed. Several hundred feet of stone wall was removed or rebuilt. It is hoped that sufficient funds will be allocated to complete the remaining section to Great Road in 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL C. BERRY,

Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1951. An appropriation of \$2700 was made for moth control. All shade trees on town property were sprayed with a DDT and Arsenate of lead solution. The elm trees were given two sprays for control of the Elm Leaf Beetle.

Dutch Elm Disease was discovered in Acton in July of 1951. Once a tree is infected the disease moves very rapidly, the tree usually dying within a year. The only effective control measures known are burning or burying all

dead or infected elm wood and the control of the Elm Bark Beetle which spreads the disease.

Your Moth Superintendent asked for additional expense money, from the Finance Committee, to remove the trees already infected. \$250 was received and used for this work. Forty-six trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease have been removed. There are seven trees remaining known to have the disease, and twenty-four suspected of having it. I therefore request that \$1000 be appropriated for the control of Dutch Elm Disease.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Town Forest Committee submits the following report for the year 1951.

The sum of \$250.00 was appropriated for work in the Town Forest. A road was cut across the Durkee lot from the right of way on Route 2 to the right of way off Newtown Road. This road is wide enough for a truck but does not constitute a fire break. We, therefore, request \$250.00 in 1952 to remove the underbrush back 25 feet on either side of this road.

The Committee visited the Texas lot in North Acton. This land is covered with scrub oak. The only means of bringing this 50 acre lot into timber production is through replanting. The Committee does not recommend this at the present time.

The Committee has instituted proceeding to purchase additional land for the Town Forest along Route 2. If this purchase of 4 or 5 acres is possible it will no longer be necessary to cross private property to get to the Town Forest.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER

EMERY NELSON

ARNO H. PERKINS

Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1951.

Barns visited	53
Cows	188
Young Cattle	88
Bulls	3
Steers	13
Swine	25
Sheep	29
Goats	50
Dog Bites	6
Dogs Quarantined	6
Rabies	0
Horses	21
Miles traveled on inspection work	125
Dead animals picked up on highways	7

Respectfully Submitted,

ARNO H. PERKINS

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF PLAYGROUND SITE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Playground Site Committee reports no further action. I feel there is no call for this committee at the present time and recommend that it be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

E. EVERETT PUTNAM

Chairman

REPORT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year 1951 we have gradually added more and more names of young men and women to the list of those who serve us in our armed forces, until now we have ninety one. We hope and trust that our assistance to those needing our service has been helpful and that they will continue to feel free to call at anytime, when they are home on furlough or write us if the need arises. Also as more are called or enlist will you please let us know.

Several adjudicated cases have come up for review from the Veterans Administration and in most instances the per cent of disability has been settled as the same or are increased, some have required hospitalization for operative conditions, very few have decreased in percentage by the physical improvement of the Veteran. We have had several hospital cases, some of emergency nature, and still have some. As World War I men get older we expect more. As World War II men get adjusted to civil life and find they aren't as rugged as they thought they were, they too find it necessary to acquire attention and treatment and we try to see their needs fulfilled even though there is a bed shortage in Veterans Administration Facilities. If the Government cuts much more out of the hospital program here in the East where there is an acute bed shortage as well as a doctor and nursing shortage, how the Veterans can be taken care of is more than we care to guess. In fact the Administrator in Washington has interpreted legislative acts to his liking so much (contra to legislative intent) detrimental to the Veteran that there has been several attempts to get him dismissed. However we on the local level working thru the various Veteran organizations are still enabled to take care of most cases as they present themselves even though it sometimes takes longer and requires more and devious ways to accomplish the same purpose.

There are still quite a number of discharges that have not been recorded and I seriously suggest to the men and women who have forgotten this to do so at once.

With many thanks to the officials, the citizens, and the Veterans for their continued help and assistance in many ways in the past and a hope that the future will look brighter with fighting and bloodshed outmoded as a means of settling disputes and a peaceful citizenry allowed to pursue a peaceful and gainful existence.

Sincerely,

Theron A. Lowden

Director.

REPORT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year ended December 31, 1951, there were three accidents reported to me. None of the accidents were serious and all settled satisfactorily.

Howard L. Jones,
Compensation Agent.

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Your committee on Fence Viewing for the Town of Acton reports no activity in partition fences for the year 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Willett
Foster R. MacKinnon
Louis F. Leveroni

Fence Viewers

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

Keeping and Destroying 51 Stray Dogs	\$331.50
Expenses	118.50
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	\$450.00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR FRASER

Dog Officer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS

Whole Number Recorded	75
Born in Acton	0
Males	36
Females	39
Mixed Parentage	11
Native Parentage	63
Foreign Parentage	1

MARRIAGES

Whole Number Recorded	32
Residents of Acton	39
Residents of other places	25

DEATHS

Whole Number Recorded	51
Residents of Acton	45
Occuring in Acton	34
Residents of other places	6
Occuring in other places	17

Average Age 65+

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Please notify the Town Clerk immediately of any error or omission in the following List of Births.

Errors not reported at once can be corrected only by sworn affidavit, as prescribed by the General Laws, and may cause you inconvenience which can be avoided by prompt attention.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1951

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Jan. 4	Boston	Harrigan, David Michael	David J. and Joyce M. Pickering
Jan. 13	Melrose	Harris, Elizabeth Louise	Robert B. and Marcia E. Wells
Jan. 14	Concord	Dudley, David Arthur	Richard S. and Alice P. Higgins
Jan. 17	Lowell	Shepard, Patricia Elizabeth	Herbert E. and May L. Andrews
Jan. 21	Concord	Kangas, Arlene Mary	Waino J. and Vally Stefanowicz
Jan. 23	Concord	Phelan, Kathleen	Joseph P. Jr. and Elaine M. Hansen
Jan. 29	Waltham	Barry, Bonnie Ann	David M. and Doris R. MacGregor
Jan. 31	Concord	Pederson, Janet Lee	Clifford N. and Leone E. Redden
Feb. 8	Concord	Condon, William Michael	Sylvester P. and Lorraine O. Bursaw
Feb. 16	Concord	Myrick, Sandra Davenport	Roger M. and Carolyn E. Monk
Feb. 22	Concord	Neagle, Julie Beth	George E. and Barbara E. Gratto
Mar. 3	Concord	Jordan, Bruce Didrick	Frank E. and Gerd R. Gulbrandsen
Mar. 5	Concord	Vanderhoof, Jan Albert	Albert and Beatrice M. Cress
Mar. 6	Concord	MacLeod, Penny Charlene	Roderick D. and Myrna J. Cook
Mar. 7	Ayer	Townsend, William Calvin	Carl W. and Edith L. McKenney
Mar. 11	Concord	Mulvany, Jane Ellen	James J. and Marion L. Beverley
Mar. 12	Concord	Cobleigh, Roy Kenneth Jr.	Roy K. and Catherine E. Cullinane
Mar. 12	Concord	Ratta, Judith Michele	Frederick L. and Lucy E. Hodder
Mar. 16	Concord	MacPhee, Judith Anne	Kenneth D. and Mary L. Aldred
Mar. 18	Concord	Prentiss, Deborah Frances	Brian A. and Dorothy F. DeSouza

Mar. 22	Concord	Fenton, Linda Ann	Chauncey R. Jr. and Dorothy M. Hoffman
Mar. 23	Concord	French, Eleanor Starr	Henry C. and Stella M. Droitcour
April 3	Concord	Scribner, David Warren Jr.	David W. and Mildred L. Hurley
April 5	Concord	Locke, Cynthia Edith	George H. Jr. and Marjorie B. Pingree
April 6	Boston	Whitman, Hugh Jr.	Hugh and Mary Conant
April 12	Concord	Chisholm, Sharon Christine	John C. and Rose K. Brothen
April 14	Concord	Prentiss, Richard Dale	Wentworth and Geraldene Clapp
April 18	Cambridge	Turnbull, Walter Hubert Hetherington	Robert S. H. and Faith G. Cann
April 19	Concord	Pyrro, Wayne Richard	William R. and Helen E. Christofferson
April 19	Concord	Wetherbee, Christine Anne	George W. and Hazel M. McIntosh
April 23	Waltham	Barnicle, Andrew Elliott	Paul D. and Laura Haure
April 27	Cambridge	Severance, Andrea	Donald P. and Phyllis Smith
May 2	Concord	Jones, William Francis	Leon F. Jr. and Patricia Ashline
May 14	Concord	Waite, Donald Arthur	Richard A. and Marie T. Macaulay
May 24	Waltham	Fletcher, Sandra Jean	Wallace M. and Marion Wetherbee
June 1	Concord	Laurenson, Donna Marie	John James and Ruth E. Sicard
June 2	Lowell	Wirkkanen, Diane Susan	Leo E. and Thelma Nelson
June 3	Concord	Silva, Kenneth Archer	Warren A. and Beryl Bancroft
June 7	Concord	Edmonds, Paul	James H. and Rita B. Hill
June 23	Concord	Young, Barbara Marie	Henry M. and Helen M. Todisco
June 24	Concord	Quin, John	Thomas J. Jr. and Wilda M. Marsolais

July 1	Boston	Mann, Charles Dyson	Edward W. and Esther L. McMorran
July 6	Concord	Darling, James Challinor	Robert H. and Anne Challinor
July 6	Concord	Joyce, Timothy Joseph	Frederick P. and Marguerite Kimball
July 10	Boston	Sherry, Richard Dudley Jr.	Richard D. and Patricia A. Keefe
July 16	Concord	Brown, Jean Elizabeth	Edmond Burr and Madeline Granberg
Aug. 2	Concord	Schofield, Margaret Frances	Roger J. and Eileen M. Joyce
Aug. 13	Cambridge	Diller, Robert Glenn	Robert S. and Mary Belcamino
Sept. 3	Concord	O'Dowd, Janet Ellen	Charles J. and Jeanne M. Doten
Sept. 9	Concord	Jones, Ralph William	Russell T. and Mary D. Keefe
Sept. 11	Concord	Dreher, Donald Stephen	Stephen Tripp and Beverly Brown
Sept. 13	Concord	Mulvey, Robert Kevin	John S. and Barbara L. North
Sept. 19	Concord	Erkkinen, Eric Johannes	Paavo J. and Vieno E. Maki
Sept. 21	Concord	Landry, James Paul	Millard J. and Mary E. Bouchie
Sept. 28	Boston	Westby, Gordon Hartwell	Gordon E. and Janet Hartwell
Sept. 29	Boston	Bowen, Robert Montgomery II	Henry and Frances Boarman
Oct. 9	Boston	Grainger, Gary Burden	Douglas H. and Rachel Stover
Oct. 19	Concord	DeMont, Robert Paul	Leon A. and Edna M. Devlin
Oct. 20	Concord	French, Jeanne Marie	Robert G. and Grace M. Haley
Oct. 20	Concord	Young, Janet Elaine	Robert J. and Virginia Harron
Oct. 25	Ayer	Johnston, Brenda Lee	Ronald E. and Mary E. Pacy

Nov. 2	Concord	Vincent, Carol Louise	John J. and Ellen Groneng
Nov. 5	Concord	Shepard, Patricia Beth	James M. and Mary A. Heald
Nov. 9	Concord	Magoon, Nancy Ann	Ernest A. and June L. Jeffries
Nov. 10	Concord	Harrington, Carol Ann	William L. Jr. and Ethel Andersen
Nov. 10	Waltham	Peterson, Daniel Carl	Robert N. and Kathryn MacDougall
Nov. 23	Concord	Trafton, Linda Marie	Robert L. and Florence Heinlein
Nov. 24	Concord	Moore, Marjorie	John F. and Joan E. Sanders
Dec. 4	Concord	King, Barbara Ann	Cyril L. and Margaret McWilliams
Dec. 9	Boston	Warren, Edward Renshaw	Wallace G. and Louise Aiken
Dec. 17	Concord	MacRae, Jean Elizabeth	Charles M. and Iris Ruggles
Dec. 20	Concord	Davis, Paul Richard	Richard C. and Marjory J. McAdoo
Dec. 22	Concord	Smith, Suzanne Robbins	Paul E. Jr. and Edith R. Boyd
Dec. 28	Concord	Dingee, Margerie Louise	John A. and Genevieve J. Statkin

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1951

Date	Place	Name	Residence
Mar. 11	Webster	Christos, Charles Tsitou, Lucy	Webster E. Acton
Mar. 25	Newton	Bogart, Jackson H. Jr. Murphy, Christine Elizabeth	S. Acton Newton
Mar. 25	Lowell	Schofield, Roger J. Joyce, Eileen M.	S. Acton Lowell
Mar. 31	Palmer	Lowell, C. Frederick Rolfe, Eileen	W. Newton S. Acton
April 7	W. Acton	Smith, Ronald Vernon Kennedy, Shirley May	W. Acton W. Acton
April 8	S. Acton	McGray, Martin Merrill Hamilton, Vivian M. L.	S. Acton Providence, R. I.
April 21	Springfield	Marini, Dominic A. DiPrimio, Aida	E. Acton Springfield
May 4	Cambridge	Taylor, Gordon A. Dierdoff, JoAnne	W. Acton Brookline

May	5	W. Acton	Hadley, Lawrence Maloney, Frances E.	S. Acton S. Acton
May	26	Concord	Crocker, Ronald Edwin Clark, Sadie Georgette	W. Concord S. Acton
May	26	Acton	Gates, Edmund Lewis Jr. Bartlett, Barbara Ann	Boxboro Acton
May	31	Berlin	George, William David Justason, Leona Gertrude	Maynard Acton
June	4	N. Sedgwick, Maine	Reynolds, Donald Ernest Danielson, Evelyn Ruth	W. Acton N. Sedgwick, Maine
June	9	Lawrence	Curley, Michael G. Mailloux, Muriel L.	W. Acton Lawrence
June	9	Wayland	Morse, George A. Burke, Virginia H.	S. Acton Needham
June	16	Wethersfield, Conn.	Weatherby, Frank Henry Dulaney, Rosalie	Acton Wethersfield, Conn.
June	17	W. Acton	Hughes, Joseph M. Jensen, Barbara E.	S. Acton S. Acton
July	1	Jamacia Plain	Buckley, George T. Hickey, June R.	Boston S. Acton

July 21	S. Acton	Cramer, Harland Hartley Byers, Marguerite R.	Holyoke S. Acton
July 21	W. Acton	Puleo, Frank N. Watkins, Doris R.	Maynard S. Acton
July 29	Ayer	Tuttle, William D. Jr. Almeida, Amelia R.	Acton Lowell
Aug. 15	Waltham	Kennedy, John Troupe, Virginia	Lincoln S. Acton
Aug. 23	Acton	Moore, Robert A. Kierce, Ruth A.	Malden S. Acton
Aug. 25	Acton	Arthur, Perley H. Jr. Hollowell, Lillian E.	N. Acton N. Acton
Aug. 25	Acton	Richardson, Clyde L. Byers, Virginia	Boxboro S. Acton
Aug. 26	Acton	Foley, Charles Edward Hatch, Betty Ann	S. Acton Maynard
Sept. 20	Sterling	Gallant, Raymond A. Feltus, Lillian G.	W. Acton W. Acton
Sept. 23	S. Acton	Ryan, Frank A. McCabe, Marcia S.	Berkeley, Calif. S. Acton

Nov. 11	Acton	Snyder, John G. Hayward, Arlene Blanche	W. Acton W. Acton
Nov. 12	Acton	Young, Ralph H. Hodgdon, Jean M. (Hallett)	Alexandria, Va. S. Acton
Nov. 24	Medford	Carr, Donald S. Buck, Marjorie E.	S. Acton W. Medford
Dec. 25	S. Acton	Wiles, Charles E. Jr. Christofferson Marjorie	S. Acton S. Acton

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1951

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos	Dys.
Jan. 1.	Morrison, Jane M.	14	2	20
Jan. 4	Kelleher, John C.	85	0	00
Jan. 5	Lyons, John Joseph	47	4	1
Jan. 12	Berry, Arnold P.	57	0	20
Feb. 2	Todd, George S.	75	0	00
Feb. 6	Burke, Lydia J. (Marquis)	70	0	00
Feb. 6	Starbuck, John C.	86	1	12
Feb. 21	Duston, Henry Charles	60	7	29
Mar. 5	Locke, Albert Woodbridge	73	9	22
Mar. 7	Marsh, Albert W.	78	0	2
Mar. 10	Forbes, Annabelle (Cameron)	71	9	12
Mar. 16	Whiteneck, Alice Rouse	91	0	6
Mar. 17	Hopkinson, Henry	70	8	18
Mar. 31	Wilke, James J.	41	9	22
Mar. 31	Dolan, Mary (Hildebrand)	77	8	17
April 15	Metcalf, Lillian G. (Smith)	69	4	26
April 17	Mayell, Laura May (Smith)	77	10	5
April 22	Whitcomb, Mary K. (Wetherbee)	87	10	9
May 2	Kinsley, Katherine F. (Burns)	87	1	1
May 4	Sherry, Augusta B.	64	10	2
May 10	Morse, Merle Russell	36	3	23
May 14	Farrar, James Alfred	62	9	7
June 7	Block, Bernard	41	0	0
June 7	Kilmartin, Flora G. (Rae)	53	8	23
June 9	Knight, James Joseph	62	1	28
June 13	Gilbert, Alfred Grover, Jr.	32	2	8
June 13	Gilbert, Mary Frances (Kelley)	36	2	17
June 16	Almgren, George Valentin	77	2	29
June 20	Slack, Harold Jay	63	0	0
July 2	Holden, Frank Hawkes	93	10	21
July 25	MacDonald, Addie E. (Houghton)	83	10	22
Aug. 1	Troupe, John	67	1	15
Aug. 11	Shapley, Eda	85	7	27
Aug. 18	Stevenson, Bertha E.	59	3	21
Aug. 19	Penny, David Frank	63	0	2
Sept. 23	Crilingirian, Mardiros	63	6	22

Oct.	3	Aberle, George Erwin	34	0	20
Oct.	23	Kazokas, Cypras B.	70	1	23
Oct.	23	McClure, John T.	67	8	6
Oct.	25	Patterson, Darwin David	65	7	2
Oct.	31	Strong, Lawrence L.	92	0	21
Nov.	6	Wood, Etta May	43	4	24
Nov.	9	McLellan, Irene (Morrison)	43	2	15
Nov.	14	Howker, Clara (Walsh)	86	10	26
Nov.	25	Campbell, Jennie (Butcher)	84	1	7
Nov.	29	Parsons, Ferdinand	84	4	26
Nov.	29	Sisson, George Towner	83	6	7
Dec.	5	Flaherty, John H.	71	0	0
Dec.	14	Waluk, John A.	76	5	9
Dec.	17	Oelschlegel, Fritz W.	74	10	29

LIST OF NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1951

Death Date of	Name	Age		Place of Death	Place of Burial
		Y.	M. D.		
July 4/51	Akers, Lula V.	85	1 23	Leominster, Mass.	Woodlawn
April 5/51	Bagnell, Lillian R.	31	0 20	Quincy, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Feb. 25/51	Campbell, Harry A. F.	73	11 29	Brockton, Mass.	Woodlawn
July 12/51	Clapp, Victor	27	5 13	Sandwich, Mass.	Woodlawn
Dec. 19/50	Clark, Annie E.	90	1 22	Denver, Col.	Woodlawn
May 31/51	Clark, Marion H.	75	2 14	Newton, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Oct. 21/51	Clifford, Albert P.	68	0 5	Stow, Mass.	Woodlawn
Mar. 13/51	Cunningham, Maurice D.	48	0 0	Exeter, N. H.	Mt. Hope
Aug. 14/51	Cutter, Fred	79	4 17	Newton, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Mar. 3/51	Crocker, Lizzie	78	6 3	Arlington Mass.	Woodlawn
Aug. 16/51	Day, Lena	70	5 11	Concord, Mass.	Mt. Hope
June 16/51	Emerick, Melvin W.	92	7 9	Bolton, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Sept. 27/51	Fiske, Florian	83	8 6	Newburyport, Mass.	Woodlawn
Feb. 28/51	Freeman, Harold R.	40	7 20	Stow, Mass.	Woodlawn
Sept. 22/51	Larrabee, Herbert P.	62	10 2	Worcester, Mass.	Woodlawn
Nov. 5/51	Livermore, Carrie L.	82	0 0	Hartford, Conn.	Woodlawn
Mar. 14/51	McDonald, Frank	76	10 7	Tewksbury, Mass.	Mt. Hope
July 1/51	Mead, Elizabeth G.	89	0 0	Arlington, Vt.	Mt. Hope
Jan. 15/51	Moulton, Charles S.	79	10 13	Concord, Mass.	Woodlawn
July 13/51	Payson, Stanley	61	0 12	Northfield, Mass.	Mt. Hope

Oct.	26/51	Prior, Fannie F.	77	8	13	Winthrop, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Feb.	19/51	Rodway, Charles B.	81	5	27	Worcester, Mass.	Woodlawn
Sept.	2/51	Spinney, Lillie M.	80	0	7	Groton, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Oct.	10/51	Stone, Nellie A.	90	0	0	Portland, Me.	Mt. Hope
June	15/51	Wheeler, Evangeline	46	10	5	Boxborough, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Aug.	27/51	Wright, Ella E.	66	0	0	Littleton, Mass.	Mt. Hope

NOTICE

All dog licenses here listed **EXPIRE**
MARCH 31, 1952.

Dogs must be licensed on or before
April 1st or the owners or keepers
thereof are liable to a fine.

The law applies to all dogs three
months old or over, regardless of time
of year ownership is acquired.

No tax bills are sent to owners of
dogs.

LIST OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1951

Owner	Tag No.		
Carrie F. Wells	1	Bruce Larsen	39
Marcia Reed	2	Hazel G. Blanchard	40
Dewey E. Boatman	3	Kenneth T. Blood	41
Ernest Simpson	4	Doris Nealey	42
James N. Gates	5	Mrs. J. A. Dingee	43
Norman Philip Sked	6	John J. Crighton	44
Shirley Kennedy	7	Gertrude Stiles	45
Fred S. Kennedy	8	Fred Richards	46
Robert M. Bowen	9	Stephen T. Dreher	47
Stephen H. French	10	Lucy Newport	48
Thelma Blood	11	Ralph Roger Mason	49
William L. Marshall, Jr.	12	John M. Pettingell	50
William L. Marshall, Jr.	13	Katherine Graham	51
Lawrence Donnelly	14	George A. Rifford	52
George W. Mortimer	15	Lowell Cram	53
Benjamin A. Plume	16	George E. Aberle	54
Eileen Rolfe	17	John Lehto	55
Mildred Pope Moore	18	Arno H. Perkins	56
Mildred Pope Moore	19	Edwin Anderson	57
Jane A. Day	20	George W. Loggie	58
Harold Y. Banquer	21	Paul Cornwall	59
Ralph Prescott	22	Harold C. White	60
Ralph C. Choate	23	Stanley J. Olsen	61
Margaret Reed	24	Annie Eilbertsen	62
Hazel Hughes	25	George W. Loggie	63
Arthur S. Desmond	26	Mrs. George Neagle	64
William Flannery	27	Virginia L. Newton	65
John J. Duggan	28	John W. Putnam	66
David Tinker	29	Robin Darling	67
David F. Penney	30	George W. Turnbull	68
W. Gardner Walker	31	Albert Nickerson	69
W. Gardner Walker	32	Clare Garceau	70
Edwin A. Hall	33	William Cobleigh Jr.	71
Carl Flint	34	John T. Sleeper	72
Marilyn Clark	35	Ivar Peterson	73
Carl A. Schontag	36	Flora W. Putnam	74
Bruce W. Hamblin	37	Russell M. Davis	75
John A. C. Kimball	38	Eric Froberg	76
		Alice M. Pederson	77

Winthrop C. Richmond	78	Edward L. Forbes	119
Charles H. Liebfried	79	Charles MacPherson	120
George T. Elliott Jr.	80	Melburn Davis	121
Francis J. Palmer	81	Arthur Jalonen	122
Yalmar N. Jarvis	82	Arthur Jalonen	123
Hazel P. Vose	83	Joseph H. Lemoine	124
William A. Massie Jr.	84	Robert Feltus	125
Robert B. Harris	85	James S. Goodwin	126
Joan Christofferson	86	James S. Goodwin	127
John T. McNiff	87	James S. Goodwin	128
John F. Canessa	88	Ray Dagenais	129
Everett Maynes	89	Forrest E. Bean	130
Howland Parker	90	Herman Pfeiffer	131
Howland Parker	91	Wilson Bursaw	132
Henry Teele	92	Norman McIntosh	133
Hilda Anderson	93	Norman McIntosh	134
Nathalie Phillips	94	Barbara Allen	135
Charles Whitcomb	95	John Torkeson	136
William L. Chipman	96	John I. Swenson	137
Toni Morrison	97	Matthew Freeman	138
Charles F. Greenough	98	Matthew Freeman	139
Robert Young	99	Kenneth S. Harvey	140
Robert Young	100	Guy M. Lord	141
Marion A. White	101	Edwin Anderson	142
J. Eugene McKercher	102	Irving S. Duren	143
Mrs. W. Taylor	103	Thomas Smith	144
Raleigh Beach	104	Hugh Hodgen	145
John E. Moore	105	Walter N. Stevenson	146
Gladys Wise	106	Frederick Whitcomb	147
Tony Perry	107	Frank I. Averett	148
Tony Perry	108	Doris M. Barry	149
Joseph Perry	109	Philip N. Goldthwaithe	150
Robert Farquhar	110	Helen A. Knowlton	151
George Allen Warner	111	Norman Veenstra	152
Ben Smalley	112	William J. Durkin	153
Ben Smalley	113	William J. Durkin	154
John E. Wetherbee	114	Judy Hatch	155
Curtis Briggs	115	Charles Galluzzo	156
Jennie M. McClure	116	Charles Galluzzo	157
Noe J. Richards	117	Alden C. Flagg Jr.	158
Edward L. Forbes	118	Clinton S. Curtis	159

Clinton S. Curtis	160	A. Perry Marble	201
Arthur D. Raymond	161	Ethel C. Robbins	202
Exzilda M. Bligh	162	Lorraine Hope	203
David C. Flint	163	Norman G. Collins	204
Robert W. Kendall	164	H. Stuart MacGregor	205
Kathleen W. Sheppard	165	Walter H. Liebfried	206
Brian A. Prentiss	166	Robert A. Reid III	207
Matthew Costello	167	Ruth Ann Penney	208
Leonard Godfrey Jr.	168	John G. Stoker	209
Beaven Roche	169	George Lamont	210
L. G. McGlone	170	A. C. Gravlin	211
Wallace Warren	171	A. C. Gravlin	212
Leo Thatcher	172	A. C. Gravlin	213
Robert E. Woobine	173	A. C. Gravlin	214
Albert S. Braman	174	Herbert Leusher	215
Donnell Boardman	175	Stanley Veasie	216
Bradford Leach	176	Margaret Larrabee	217
John M. Whittier Jr.	177	W. Henry Soar	218
Thomas Janericco	178	Thomas Snow	219
Philip Ross	179	Wendall F. Davis	220
Clifford A. Schofield	180	Arthur Lowden	221
Elmer Hill	181	Rose Snyder	222
Charles M. Davis	182	Dolly DiDuca	223
William S. Jones	183	Gertrude McCrudden	224
Charles K. Lawton	184	Patricia Horan	225
Dr. Paul Gates	185	Harold Nicola	226
George Clahane	186	John L. Fletcher	227
Ralph F. Parsons	187	John Murray	228
Donald Carter	188	Roland Livermore	229
Leonard Lester	189	Florence Rooney	230
Frederick Abbt	190	Robert Stow	231
Lillian Curley	191	Paul Post	232
Edgar A. Perkins	192	William D. Tuttle	233
John J. Downey	193	Richard Larson	234
John J. Downey	194	H. J. Schnair	235
George Horton	195	Bernard Harrison	236
Albert L. Haynes	196	Cecile Coles	237
Howard M. Dowd	197	Bernard Walther	238
James Farrar	198	David Clayton	239
Edwin H. Christofferson	199	David Flint	240
Dana Hinckley	200	Sylvia Flint	241

Joseph Curtis	242	Fraser Laffin	283
Lucille Cunningham	243	A. W. Marsh	284
John H. Watkins	244	Paul Coughlin	285
A. P. Reynolds	245	Donald Chisholm	286
Albert W. Wunderly	246	May Davis	287
Ethel L. Todd	247	Ellen Olgive	288
Ethel L. Todd	248	Frederic W. Hopkins	289
Ethel L. Todd	249	Frederic W. Hopkins	290
James H. French	250	Frederic W. Hopkins	291
Wentworth Prentiss	251	Walter M. Ballard	292
Diane Nedza	252	Walter M. Ballard	293
Peter Olsen	253	Margaret Sexton	294
Ormal S. Laffin	254	Clifford N. Pederson	295
Elwin Hollowell	255	Medville L. Clark	296
Paul F. Whouley	256	William Pyrro	297
Warren E. Hartwell	257	Edith S. Chamberlin	298
David Larson	258	Thomas C. Ott	299
Orla Nichols	259	Louis A. Flerra	300
John A. Brooks	260	Louis A. Flerra	301
Richard T. Kelley	261	Russell Jones Jr.	302
Harold E. Day	262	Safford Sweat	303
James W. Gates	263	Thomas Cole	304
Florence Watkins	264	Thomas Cole	305
Howard L. Jones	265	John Duston	306
Raph I. Smith	266	Leon DeMont	307
Roy K. Cobleigh	267	James H. Conquest	308
Frank Justice	268	Richard Manion	309
J. Henry Engman	269	Frank H. Turner	310
Jackie Hickey	270	Daniel F. Flanagan	311
Raymond Hickey	271	Norman H. Hollowell	312
Mary Haigh	272	John T. Chadwick	313
Mary Haigh	273	Arthur W. Lee	314
W. E. Goodwin	274	Hazel Cameron	315
Cathryn A. Morse	275	Alfred Birch	316
Herbert Pratt	276	Robert W. Conrad	317
Clesson Bancroft	277	Fred L. Ratta	318
Benjamin Bancroft	278	Jean Hurley	319
Raymond Reynolds	279	Eleanor S. Anderson	320
Malcolm Fullonton	280	George J. Raymond	321
Cleon Phelps	281	Arthur Conquest	322
Irving S. Duren Jr.	282	E. C. Johnson	323

316 Licenses at \$2.00	\$632.00
59 Licenses at \$5.00	295.00
1 License at \$50.00	50.00
1 License at \$25.00	25.00
10 Licenses at \$10.00	100.00
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	\$1102.00
Deduct fees 387 licenses at 20c.	77.40
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	\$1024.60

REVISED JURY LIST — 1951

Precinct I

Alden C. Flagg, 85 Estabrook Rd., farmer
 Clarence A. Frost, 40 Newtown Rd., trucking
 William J. Gallagher, 52 Great Rd., garage
 Frederick T. Heyliger, 16 Newtown Rd., student
 Walter M. Ballard, 328 Main St., U.S. Army retired
 Clinton S. Curtis, 55 Concord Rd., silversmith
 Cecil Balcom, 12 Isaac Davis Way, laborer
 H. Vaughn Allen, 22 Newtown Rd., fieldman
 Carl A. Christofferson, 403 Main St., lawyer
 Richard C. Davis, 31 Hosmer St., pressman
 Frank E. Greenough, 36 Newtown Rd., construction
 Alan Pederson, 25 Newtown Rd., truck driver

Precinct II

Harold A. Merriam, 64 Liberty St., superintendent
George C. Rolfe, 106 Main St., insurance agent
Otis J. Reed, 7 Prospect St., bookkeeper
Gerald F. Hollis, 186 School St., linotype operator
Edward M. Carbary, 68 Main St., radio technician
Robert F. Charles, 25 Martin St., chemical engineer
Norman R. Veenstra, 22 High St., salesman
Richard T. Kelley, 268 Main St., ice cream maker
Lucius Tolman, 52 Main St., dry cleaner
Hayward S. Houghton, 266 School St., bank teller
Robert H. Darling, 197 Main St., salesman
Joseph P. DeProspero, 72 Central St., secretary

Precinct III

Arthur Decker, 276 Arlington St., painter
Frederick E. Hollowell, 33 Nashoba Rd., research engineer
Carroll E. McPhee, 295 Central St., carpenter
Wentworth Prentiss, 400 Arlington St., electrician
Charles M. MacRae, 241 Central St., salesman
John J. Onslow, 535 Mass. Ave., manager
Albert S. Cook, 297 Central St., salesman
Donald O. Feltus, 264 Central St., optometrist
Carl R. Godfrey, 28 Windsor Ave., salesman
Harold E. McPhee, 198 Central St., electrical engineer
W. Henry Teele, Mass. Ave., repairman
Richard D. Powderly, 572 Mass. Ave., dairyman

REPORT OF AUDIT OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

April 3, 1951

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Arthur W. Lee, Chairman
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the general accounts of the Town of Acton for the period from November 27, 1949 to December 14, 1950, and of the accounts of the town collector from March 9, 1950 to December 14, 1950, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG
Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the general accounts of the town of Acton for the period from November 27, 1949, and of the town collector's accounts for the period from March 9, 1950, the dates of the previous examinations, to December 14, 1950, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's books and with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants and with the books of the treasurer.

The appropriations and loan authorizations as listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, as well as the transfers from the reserve fund authorized by the finance committee, were checked to the town accountant's ledger.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 14, 1950.

It is urged that the town accountant balance his ledger at least monthly and that he keep a permanent record of each trial balance.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which

money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds. The cash balance on December 14, 1950, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The sales of land of low value and foreclosures were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The securities and savings bank books representing the trust fund investments in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund were examined and listed. The transfers to the town were verified, the income was proved, and the other reported transactions were found to be correct.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitments to the present collector as of March 9, 1950, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and checked to the warrants for their collection. The payments to the town and district treasurers were verified by comparison with the treasurer's cash books, the abatements as recorded were checked to the assessor's records of abatements granted, and the outstanding tax, excise, and departmental accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise, and departmental accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and the district, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Attention of the town collector is called to the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, which requires that collections of taxes and interest shall be paid to the town treasurer once a week or oftener.

It is recommended that the town collector take immediate action to secure settlement of the overdue tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts of 1950 and prior years.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in auditing the several commitments and recommitments due to errors in addition and posting and failure to post many items received and entered on the cash books. The detailed checking necessary to prove the several tax levies added materially to the cost of the audit.

The amount due from the town collector on December 14 1950 to balance his cash was deposited in the bank during the progress of the audit.

The town clerk's records of dog and sporting licenses were examined and checked, the payments to the State being verified by comparison with the receipts on file and the payments to the town being checked to the treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds furnished by the several town officials for faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts from selectmen's licenses, of the sealer of weights and measures, of the public welfare and cemetery departments, and of all other departments collecting money for the town were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and the town collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

TOWN OF ACTON

BALANCE SHEET

December 14, 1950

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		\$182,136.62
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1947 — Poll	\$ 2.00	
Levy of 1948:		
Poll	\$ 114.00	
Personal Property	1,617.39	
Real Estate	1,171.74	
	<hr/>	2,903.13
Levy of 1949:		
Poll	\$ 274.00	
Personal Property	1,715.58	
Real Estate	8,175.13	
	<hr/>	10,164.71
Levy of 1950:		
Poll	\$ 484.00	
Personal Property	2,354.40	
Real Estate	28,598.65	
	<hr/>	31,437.05
		<hr/> 44,506.89
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1947	\$ 28.64	
Levy of 1948	418.38	
Levy of 1949	1,585.40	
Levy of 1950	5,229.81	
	<hr/>	\$7,262.23
Tax Judgment:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	502.62	
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Tax Titles	\$ 44.57	
Tax Possessions	400.19	
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Departmental:		
Fire	\$ 717.65	
Dog Officer	240.50	
Temporary Aid	1,098.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	737.43	
Old Age Assistance	2,216.94	
Veterans' Benefits	738.00	
School	1,973.55	
Cemetery	367.00	
	<hr/>	8,089.07

BALANCE SHEET

December 14, 1950

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:

Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Fund	\$ 178.30
County Retirement Fund	95.20
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	2.15

\$ 275.65

Unpaid Warrants	7,005.49
Tailings — Reserve for Unclaimed Checks	144.81
Road Machinery Fund	6,011.96
Sale of Cemetery Land Fund	2,775.35
High School Athletic Fund	131.44
School Milk Fund	197.96

Trust Funds Income:

Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	\$ 27.96
Henry Raymond Cemetery Fund	18.45
J. Roland Wetherbee Cemetery Fund	9.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	69.92

125.33

Overestimate 1950:

County Tax	1,990.04
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Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Administration	\$ 106.35
Aid	1,294.40

Old Age Assistance:

Administration	77.62
Assistance	2,752.68

4,231.05

Unexpended Appropriation Balances	74,607.20
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Loan Authorized and Unissued	15,000.00
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Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus	5,748.80
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Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1947	\$ 2.00
Levy of 1948	1,073.17
Levy of 1949	2,406.77
Levy of 1950	2,352.86

5,834.80

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$7,764.85
Tax Title and Tax Possession	444.76

Aid to Highways:		
State	\$10,044.69	
County	5,750.00	
		<u>15,794.69</u>
Underestimates 1950:		
County Hospital Assessment	\$ 358.81	
State Parks and Reservations Assessment	107.37	
		<u>466.18</u>
Loan Authorized — Fire Station		15,000.00
Estimated Receipts to be Collected		10,166.48
Revenue 1951		1,800.00
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Tax Collector — Salary	\$ 32.53	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,994.71	
Chapter 90, Construction	174.66	
		<u>2,201.90</u>
		<u>\$288,371.44</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:		
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$239,219.43	
In Custody of Trustees	3,465.54	

\$242,684.97

Departmental	8,089.07	
Aid to Highways	15,794.69	
		<u>32,093.37</u>

Surplus Revenue:

Current Year	\$ 46.00	
Prior Years	132,152.19	
		<u>132,198.19</u>

\$288,371.44

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Schoolhouse Addition Loan	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Betsy Ball Charity Fund	\$10,199.41	
Elizabeth White Charity Fund	28,685.92	
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund	15,443.27	
Charlotte Conant School Fund	1,558.07	
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	16,494.73	
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	4,956.80	
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	738.67	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	59,256.08	
Cemetery Surplus Fund	201.67	
Hoit and Scott Cemetery Fund	525.32	
J. Roland Wetherbee Cemetery Fund	10,144.99	
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	1,612.82	
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,547.18	
Frank C. Hayward Cemetery Fund	1,057.87	
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	84,376.93	
Henry L. Raymond Cemetery Monument Fund ..	772.90	
Henry L. Raymond Cemetery Care Fund	1,646.80	
		<u>\$239,219.43</u>

In Custody of Trustees:

Charlotte Goodnow Fund	<u>3,465.54</u>
	<u>\$242,684.97</u>

ASSESSORS' REPORT — 1951

Tax assessed as follows:

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$3,426,930.00
Land	699,370.00
Personal	555,635.00
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	\$4,681,935.00
Valuation January 1, 1950	\$4,431,405.00
Increase in valuation	250,530.00

Rate of Taxation \$47.00

Real Estate	\$ 193,936.36
Personal Estate	26,114.88
Polls	2,226.00
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	\$ 222,277.24

Amount of money raised:

State Parks Tax	\$ 510.86
State Parks Tax, Underestimates 1950	107.37
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	733.33
County Tax	10,128.30
Tuberculosis Hospital Assess- ment	3,578.05
Tuberculosis Hospital, Under- estimates 1950	358.81
Town Grant	202,383.01
Overlay	4,477.51
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	\$222,277.24

Added Assessments:

Real Estate	\$	150.40
Personal Estate		188.00

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed, 1828

Total Value of Motor Vehicles and
Trailers \$ 750,250.00

Rate of Excise, \$46.85

Total Excise \$ 33,040.87

ALBERT P. DURKEE

CARL C. FLINT

JAMES W. BAKER

Board of Assessors

TOWN COLLECTORS REPORT

1948 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 1,171.74
Interest	32.82
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	\$ 1,204.56
Paid Treasurer	385.79
Outstanding	\$ 818.77

1949 REAL ESTATE TAX

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 8,175.13
Interest	301.59
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	\$8,476.72
Abated	\$ 142.88
Adjusted12
Paid Treasurer	5,346.82
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	\$ 5,489.82
Uncollected	\$ 2,986.90

1950 REAL ESTATE TAX

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 25,991.89
Refund	216.00
Interest	386.43
Adjusted	106.43
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	\$ 26,700.75
Abated	\$ 323.76
Paid Treasurer	\$ 17,745.05
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	\$ 18,068.81
Uncollected	\$ 8,632.94

1951 REAL ESTATE TAX

Committed	\$194,316.76
Interest	124.01
Refund	98.70
Adjusted	10.51

\$194,549.98

Paid to Treasurer	\$165,662.56
Abated	2,416.90

\$168,079.46

Outstanding	\$ 26,470.52
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1948 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 898.11
Interest	20.59

\$ 918.70

Paid to Treasurer	\$ 241.07
Uncollected	\$ 677.63

1949 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 1,715.58
Interest	52.76

\$ 1,768.34

Paid Treasurer	\$ 908.24
Uncollected	\$ 860.10

1950 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 2,354.40
Adjusted .....	.04
Interest	20.48

\$ 2,374.92

Paid Treasurer	\$ 1,080.00
Uncollected	\$ 1,294.92

1951 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Committed	\$ 26,114.85
Interest	1.26
Refund	7.05
Adjusted .....	.04

\$ 26,123.20

Paid Treasurer	\$ 18,340.45
Uncollected	\$ 7,782.75

1947 POLL TAX

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 2.00
Uncollected	\$ 2.00

1948 POLL TAX

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 114.00
Interest and Cost	10.89

\$ 124.89

Paid Treasurer	\$ 54.89
Uncollected	\$ 70.00

1949 POLL TAX

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 274.00
Interest	1.22

\$ 275.22

Paid Treasurer	\$ 33.22
Uncollected	\$ 242.00

1950 POLL TAX

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$ 484.00
Adjusted	\$ 2.00
Interest62

\$ 486.62

Abated	\$ 6.00
Paid Treasurer	120.62

\$ 126.62

Uncollected	\$ 360.00
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1951 POLL TAX

Committed	\$	2,302.00
Abated	\$	242.00
Paid Treasurer	1,444.00	
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	\$	1,686.00
Uncollected	\$	616.00

1947 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951	\$	28.64
Uncollected		28.64

1948 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951	\$	418.38
Interest and Cost		14.32
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	\$	432.70
Paid Treasurer	\$	121.49
Adjusted		2.00
Abated		57.11
Uncollected	\$	252.10

1949 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951	\$1,585.40
	5.73
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	\$1,591.13
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 116.85
Uncollected	\$1,474.28

1950 EXCISE TAX

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951	\$4,478.46
Committed in 1951	4,658.80
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	\$9,137.26
Interest	12.68
Adjusted11
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	\$9,150.05
Abated	\$1,045.59
Paid Treasurer	3,930.23
Uncollected	\$4,174.23

1951 EXCISE TAX

Committed	\$28,871.10
Interest	17.41
Refunds	999.70
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	\$25,888.21
Paid Treasurer	\$22,765.34
Abated	1,303.92
Adjusted	19.40
Uncollected	\$1,799.55

ETHEL A. DAVIS,
Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1951

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts

I herewith submit my report for the year 1951:

Cash Balance January 1, 1951 \$157,266.51

Receipts for 1951:

Received from State Treasurer

School Lunches	\$ 408.89
Income Tax	14,631.30
Highways	12,866.33
Aid to Dependent Children, Federal ...	2,971.05
Old Age Assistance, Federal	30,274.28
Veteran's Services	3,799.85
Chapter 90, Highways	8,699.47
Land Taking	70.13
School Aid	25,400.23
Meal Tax	1,156.50
Old Age Assistance	25,030.36
Corporation Tax	24,725.55
Fire Department	192.12
Loss on Taxes	1,845.52
Aid Dependent Children	2,911.91
Children's Tuition	1,148.04
High School Transportation	3,080.00
Vocational Education	219.98
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	\$159,431.51

Received from County Treasurer

Highways	3,199.64
Dog Refund	727.69
Lowell Road	3,749.91
Dog Officer	910.00
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	\$8,587.24

Received from Collector Taxes

Poll, 1948	46.00
Excise, 1948	107.17
Personal, 1948	220.48
Real Estate, 1948	352.96
Poll, 1949	32.00
Excise, 1949	111.12
Personal, 1949	855.48
Real Estate, 1949	5,045.23
Poll, 1950	120.00
Excise, 1950	3,917.55
Personal, 1950	1,059.52
Real Estate, 1950	17,358.62
Poll, 1951	1,444.00
Excise, 1951	21,379.80
Personal, 1951	18,339.19
Real Estate, 1951	166,942.68
Costs	46.75
Interest	935.52

\$238,314.07

Miscellaneous Receipts

Acton High School Fund, Breakage ..	11.51
Acton High School Fund, Athletic Fund	1,414.09
Acton High School Fund, Milk Receipts	920.71
Acton High School Fund, Book Damage	2.50
Acton High School Fund, Telephone Calls	6.99
Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog Licenses	1,055.80
James Knight, Blue Cross	10.75
Board of Selectmen, Wire Inspector ..	662.25
Licenses	256.50
Board of Selectmen, Telephone Call ...	.10
Board of Selectmen, Sealer Weights ..	2.00
Town of Acton, County Retirement ..	2,592.40
Town of Acton, Teacher's Retirement	3,906.93
Town of Acton, Withholding Taxes ..	16,311.71
Town of Acton, Blue Cross	1,178.55
Town of Acton, Machinery Account ..	3,486.25

Dewey's Market, License	400.00
Village Package Store, License	400.00
Director's of Standards, License	32.00
Board of Health, Licenses	26.50
Board of Health, Nurse's Services	100.00
Board of Health, Milk Permits	7.50
Fred Kennedy, Burials	815.00
Fred Kennedy, Low'g Device	120.00
Fred Kennedy, Sale Lots	500.00
Fred Kennedy, Liners Installed	50.00
Fred Kennedy, Chapel Fee	60.00
Fred Kennedy, Miscellaneous	81.00
Fred Kennedy, Foundations	23.00
Fred Kennedy, Sale of Heater	75.00
Middlesex Cty. Nat'l Bank, Note 183	15,000.00
H. S. MacGregor, Permits Oil & Gas	93.00
H. S. MacGregor, Auto Damage	64.15
H. S. MacGregor, Fire no permit	15.85
H. S. MacGregor, Refund Asso. Dues	1.00
So. Acton Fire Co., Blue Cross	294.58
Henry Johnson, Rent of Hall	84.00
Mary Lothrop, Library Fines	176.52
Mary Lothrop, Book Sales	4.00
Mary Lothrop, West Branch Fines ...	5.11
Mary Lothrop, Miscellaneous	18.35
Ethel A. Davis, Care Cemetery Lots .	421.00
Ethel A. Davis, Fire Department	717.65
Concord District Court, Fines	339.15
Chief of Police, Revolver Permits	17.00
South Acton Fire Co., Firemen's Fund	90.00
West Fire Co., Firemen's Fund	90.00
Center Fire Co., Firemen's Fund	80.00
Town of Westford, Tuition	534.60
Town of Boxboro, Tuition	3,856.43
Est. Murray Brown, Memorial Library	500.00
New England Telephone Co., Town Hall	3.59
New England Telephone Co., Hghy.	
Dept.	3.59
New England Telephone Co., School	
Dept.	15.67

New England Telephone Co., Police Dept.	7.18
New England Telephone Co., Fire Dept.	10.77
Center Fire Co., Sale Fire House	1.00
Town of Concord, Land Tax	29.91
Russell Berry, Chapter 81	91.05
Boston Con. Gas Co., Fire Dept. ....	.65
Boston Con. Gas Co., Tree Damage ...	100.00
C. A. Durkee Ins. Agcy., Premium Refund	55.50
Howard L. Jones, Blue Cross	5.50
Katherine Matson, Blue Cross	1.70
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., Snow Removal	65.00
A. Perry Marble, Sealer Weights	129.05
Morton A. Stevens, Perp. Care, Mt. Hope	100.00
Est. Cora A. Whitney, Perp. Care, Mt. Hope	150.00
Edward L. Forbes, Perp. Care, Mt. Hope	150.00
Est. Charles Moulton, Perp. Care, Woodlawn	150.00
Mabel Cole, Perp. Care, Mt. Hope	200.00
Wallace Sherry, Perp. Care, Woodlawn	150.00
Ernest A. Mayell, Perp. Care, Woodlawn	150.00
Jennie Almgren, Perp. Care, Mt. Hope	100.00
Leon Wheeler, Perp. Care, Mt. Hope ..	100.00
Fred S. Mead, Perp. Care, Mt. Hope ..	100.00
William & Winnie Munn, Perp. Care, Mt. Hope	100.00
Mary D. Wood. Perp. Care, Woodlawn	100.00
Est. Mary Whitcomb, Perp. Care, Mt. Hope	150.00
Amelia Waluk, Perp. Care, Woodlawn	150.00
Elizabeth White Fund, Transfer	1,207.80
Cemetery Fund, Transfer	875.00
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund, Transfer ..	1,600.00
Geo. E. Whitney Fund, Transfer	550.00

Memorial Library, Transfer	300.00
J. Roland Wetherbee Cem. Fund, Transfer	100.00
Geo. E. Whitney Cem. Fund, Transfer	22.00
Luke Blanchard Fund, Transfer	25.00
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	\$63,961.39

Trust Fund Income

Frank C. Hayward Fund	20.00
Hoit and Scott Fund	12.50
Elizabeth White Fund	593.15
Georgia E. Whitney Fund	320.22
Memorial Library Fund	285.90
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	1,918.47
Cemetery Fund	1,279.21
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	218.76
Betsey M. Ball Fund	197.43
Georgia E. Whitney Cem. Fund	35.63
Henry S. Raymond Fund	37.54
Acton High School Library Fund	30.00
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	4,948.81
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Total Cash Receipts for 1951	\$475,248.02
Cash Balance January 1, 1951 ..	157,266.51
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	\$632,509.53

Payments for 1951 Selectmen's Order's	\$494,533.98
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Cash Balance December 31, 1951	\$137,975.55
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OUTSTANDING NOTES DECEMBER 31, 1951

High School Addition Notes, 171-176, due 1951 to 1957	\$ 6,000.00
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SUSAN NOYES HOSMER FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$82,238.95
Unexpended Balance	2,137.98

	<hr/>	\$84,376.93
Received Interest for 1951		1,975.26
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		\$86,352.19

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$84,752.19
Transfer to Town Account	1,600.00
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	\$86,352.19

CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$56,397.21
Unexpended Balance	2,873.75

	<hr/>	\$59,270.96
Received for Perpetual Care 1951	1,850.00	
Received Interest for 1951	1,355.86	
	<hr/>	3,205.86
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		\$62,476.82

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$54,001.82
U. S. Savings Bonds Series G	7,600.00
Transfer to Town Account	875.00
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	\$62,476.82

ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$25,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	3,260.92	
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		\$28,260.92
Received Interest for 1951		652.56
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		\$28,913.48

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$27,705.68	
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1951	1,207.80	
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		\$28,913.48

WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$16,361.16	
Unexpended Balance	133.57	
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		\$16,494.73
Received Interest for 1951		896.67
		<hr/>
		\$17,391.40

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$16,091.40	
West Shore R. R. Bond	1,000.00	
Transfer to Town Account	300.00	
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		\$17,391.40

GEORGIA E. WHITNEY FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$14,073.70
Unexpended Balance	1,144.57

	<hr/>	\$15,218.27
Received Interest for 1951		342.80
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		\$15,561.07

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$15,011.07
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1951	550.00
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	\$15,561.07

LUKE BLANCHARD CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Balance	\$ 1,522.18
Received Interest for 1951	33.16
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	\$ 1,555.34

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 1,530.34
Transfer to Town Account	25.00
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	\$ 1,555.34

CEMETERY SURPLUS FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Balance	\$ 201.67
Received Interest for 1951	4.04
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	\$ 205.71

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 205.71
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WEST ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Balance	\$ 738.67
Received Interest for 1951	18.57
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	\$ 757.24
Balance December 31, 1951	
Bank Balance in Savings Banks	\$ 757.24

ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$4,400.00	
Unexpended Balance	556.80	
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		\$ 4,956.80
Received to Fund in 1951		
Company Salaries	\$ 260.00	
Interest	123.15	
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		383.15
		<hr/>
		\$ 5,339.95
Balance December 31, 1951		
Bank Balance in Savings Bank		\$ 5,339.95

HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND

Monument Perpetual Care

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$ 700.00	
Unexpended Balance	72.90	
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		\$ 772.90
Received Interest for 1951		18.45
		<hr/>
		\$ 791.35
Balance December 31, 1951		
Balance in Savings Bank		\$ 791.35

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$ 1,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	58.07	
		<hr/>
		\$ 1,558.07
Received Interest for 1951		31.09
		<hr/>
		\$ 1,589.16
Balance December 31, 1951		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$ 1,589.16

HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Prinncipal Fund	\$ 1,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	146.80	
		<hr/>
		\$ 1,646.80
Received Interest for 1951		37.54
		<hr/>
		\$ 1,684.34
Balance December 31, 1951		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$ 1,684.34

GEORGIA E. WHITNEY CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$ 1,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	112.82	
		<hr/>
		\$ 1,612.82
Received Interest for 1951		37.80
		<hr/>
		\$ 1,650.62
Balance December 31, 1951		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$ 1,628.62
Transfer to Town Account		22.00
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		\$ 1,650.62

FRANK C. HAYWARD FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$ 1,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	57.87	
		\$ 1,057.87
Received Interest for 1951		21.20
		<u>1,079.07</u>

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 1,079.07
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HOIT AND SCOTT CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$ 500.00	
Unexpended Balance	25.32	
		\$ 525.32
Received Interest for 1951		13.03
		<u>\$ 538.35</u>

Balance December 31, 1951

U. S. Savings Bond Series D	\$ 500.00
Bank Balance in Savings Bank	38.35
	<u>\$ 538.35</u>

J. ROLAND WETHERBEE CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$ 10,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	144.99	
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		\$10,144.99
Received Interest for 1951		222.09
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		\$10,367.08

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$10,267.08	
Transfer to Town Account	100.00	
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		\$10,367.08

BETSEY M. BALL FUND

Balance January 1, 1951

Principal Fund	\$ 10,095.26	
Unexpended Balance	104.15	
		<hr/>
		\$10,199.41
Received Interest for 1951		199.16
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		\$10,398.57

Balance December 31, 1951

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$10,398.57	
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Respectfully submitted,

WM. HENRY SOAR,
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1951

INVESTMENTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$ 465.54	
U.S. War Bonds	3,000.00	
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		\$3,465.54

RECEIPTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$ 11.04	
U.S. War Bonds	75.00	
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		\$ 86.04

EXPENDITURES

Harlan E. Tuttle, Treasurer of the Evangelical Church in Acton	\$ 66.04	
Town of Acton for perpetual care of Goodnow Lot in Woodlawn Cemetery	20.00	
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		\$ 86.04

CHARLES E. SMITH
ROY H. LINSOTT
HORACE F. TUTTLE
Trustees of Goodnow Fund

REPORT OF ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

After careful investigation of eighteen cases, this Committee has signed orders to the Treasurer for the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00), also an order for printing and stationery for \$7.80.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA L. SAWYER
GRACE O. LEARS
THELMA M. BLOOD
Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The accompanying report covers the financial transactions of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1951, and consists of the following:

- I. Summary of Appropriations, Transfers and Expenditures
- II. Schedule of Receipts and Departmental Payments
- III. Balance Sheet

I have verified the accounts of the Collector of Taxes and the Treasurer, and have checked the various funds in the custody of the Treasurer and Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD O. NYLANDER,
Town Accountant

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Appropriated	Expended	Balance
Selectmen's Dept. Salaries	\$2,610.00	\$2,498.40	\$ 111.60
Selectmen's Dept. Expenses	200.00	137.05	62.95
Finance Committee	100.00	33.00	67.00
Treasurer, Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
Treasurer, Expenses	300.00		
R	40.00	320.83	19.17
Assessors' Salaries	2,350.00	2,242.25	107.75
Assessors' Expenses	500.00	267.33	232.67
Collector of Taxes, Salaries	1,800.00	1,800.00	—
Collector of Taxes, Expenses	300.00	282.16	17.84
Town Accountant, Salary	1,000.00	919.59	80.41
Town Accountant, Expenses	50.00		
R	15.00	63.19	1.81
Town Clerk, Salaries	550.00		
R	92.33	642.33	—
Town Clerk, Expenses	200.00	95.83	104.17
Election and Registration, Salaries ...	825.00	630.00	195.00
Election and Registration, Expenses ..	250.00		
R	89.15	339.15	—
Moderator	25.00	15.00	10.00
Building and Grounds, Salaries	2,950.00	2,370.53	579.47
Building and Grounds, Expenses	4,275.00	3,818.66	456.34
Building and Grounds, Art. 30, Chairs for Town Hall	350.00	350.00	—
Building and Grounds, Art. 35, Fire es- cape for Town Hall	450.00	450.00	—
Building and Grounds, Art. 38, Painting Town Hall	2,100.00	900.00	1,200.00
Building and Grounds, Art. 14 (1950) B	2,268.60	2,053.58	215.02

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept. Salaries	\$7,010.00		
New Man, Art. 21	1,950.00	8,960.00	8,782.10
Police Dept. Expenses		2,200.00	2,073.30
Police Dept. New Cruiser, Art. 19		400.00	400.00
Traffic Signs and Lines		500.00	384.42
Traffic Zone Signs, Art. 44		1,000.00	810.00
Fire Dept. Salaries		3,005.00	
R		89.10	3,094.10

Fire Dept. Expenses	2,455.00		
R	475.00	2,772.25	157.75
Fire Dept. New Equipment, Art. 18 ...	1,200.00	1,114.57	85.43
Fire Dept. New Compressor, Center	1,800.00	1,768.78	31.22
Fire Dept. Forest Fire Pump, Art. 37	900.00	678.25	221.75
New Fire House	B 28,216.00		
New Fire House, Loan Proceeds	15,000.00		
New Fire House, School Addition	8,000.00	51,108.00	108.00
Fire Alarm System, Labor	700.00	458.67	241.33
Fire Alarm System, Expenses	200.00	156.04	43.96
Fire Alarm System, Art. 28	2,500.00	2,253.70	246.30
Fire Hydrant Rental	4,600.00	4,505.00	95.00
Forest Fires	1,750.00	987.80	762.20
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Sal.	225.00	225.00	—
Sealer of Weights & Measures, Ex-			
penses	50.00	8.77	41.23
Moth Dept. Salaries	1,500.00	1,481.35	18.65
Moth Dept. Expenses	1,200.00	1,195.48	4.52
Moth Dept. Dutch Elm Disease Control			
R	250.00	240.52	9.48
Town Forests, Cutting Brush	250.00	97.60	152.40
Tree Warden, Salaries	1,750.00	1,748.15	1.85
Tree Warden, Expenses	750.00	749.43	.57
Tree Replacement, Art. 5	250.00	247.20	2.80
Feeding Shade Trees, Art. 20.	500.00	496.90	3.10
Town Forest Committee	B 500.00	—	500.00
Wire Inspector, Salary & Travel	550.00	550.00	—
Wire Inspector, Expenses	50.00	49.90	.10

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salaries	4,464.00		
R	1,200.00	5,656.52	7.48
Board of Health, Expenses	2,696.00	1,874.34	821.66
Garbage Collection	2,000.00	1,926.50	73.50
Inspection of Animals, Salaries	150.00	150.00	—
Inspection of Animals, Expenses	25.00	8.04	16.96
Poison Ivy, Art. 22	1,000.00	999.48	.52

HIGHWAYS

Village	3,000.00	2,997.87	2.13
Chapter 81	8,550.00		
G	14,250.00		
R	1,425.00		
Refund	91.05	24,314.63	1.42
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,200.00		
G	2,400.00	3,598.92	1.08

Chapter 90, Main Street, Art. 10	3,750.00		
G	11,250.00	14,998.27	1.73
Snow Removal	11,000.00	10,999.05	.95
Street Lighting	6,250.00	4,992.52	1,257.48
Pine Street	B 1,000.00	993.20	6.80
Culverts, Art. 11	2,000.00		
G	2,000.00	—	4,000.00
Road Machinery	2,500.00	2,341.99	158.01
Snow Plow, Art. 8	850.00	850.00	—

CHARITIES

Public Welfare, Temp. Aid	4,500.00	4,314.29	185.71
Public Welfare, Administration	1,300.00		
G	475.11	1,775.11	—
Old Age Assistance	35,000.00		
B	2,504.79		
G	29,855.66	63,380.30	3,980.15
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00		
G	2,940.79		
B	1,694.85	8,535.68	1,099.96

VETERANS BENEFITS

Salary	150.00	150.00	—
Expenses	100.00		
R	77.00	175.35	1.65
Expenditures	5,000.00	3,244.25	1,755.75
Veterans Services, Salaries	1,050.00	789.75	260.25
Veterans Services, Expenses	50.00	—	50.00

EDUCATION

Salaries	96,000.00	95,689.35	310.65
Fuel	4,000.00	3,824.39	175.61
Books and Supplies	3,500.00		
R	600.00	3,851.11	248.89
Transportation	8,500.00	8,360.00	140.00
Janitors' Supplies, Power, Repairs	7,100.00	7,058.07	41.93
Outlay	1,000.00	835.30	164.70
Library	100.00	96.25	3.75
Health	350.00	290.90	59.10
Vocational Tuition	3,000.00	1,823.47	1,176.53
Physical Education	B 100.40		
Rec. 1414.09	500.00	1,848.63	165.86
School Lunch Account	B 235.26		
Rec. 1329.60	100.00	1,535.40	129.46
Insurance, High School	120.00	97.00	23.00

Special School Bldg. Committee	B	875.00		
		2,000.00	2,186.65	688.35
Redecoration High School		1,000.00	620.00	380.00
Center School Heating System	B	2,000.00		
		4,000.00	5,800.00	200.00
Regional School	B	77.45	77.45	—

LIBRARIES

Salaries		1,300.00	1,190.00	110.00
Expenses		1,100.00	968.18	131.82
Books	B	11.31		
		300.00		
	T	300.00	603.35	7.96
Citizens Library, West Acton		175.00	124.29	50.71
Redecorate Interior of Memorial				
Library		375.00	—	375.00

CEMETERIES

Salaries and Wages		5,400.00	5,383.05	16.95
Expenses		1,900.00	1,899.30	.70
Lowering Device	B	400.00	331.55	68.45
Perpetual Care	B	64.92		
	T	875.00	739.25	200.67
Mt. Hope, Oiling Roads		800.00	—	800.00
Roland Wetherbee Fund	B	.35		
	T	100.00	98.80	1.55
Luke Blanchard Fund	T	25.00	25.00	—
Raymond Fund	B	18.45	—	18.45
Georgia Whitney Fund	T	22.00	22.00	—
Susan Hosmer Fund	B	27.96		
	T	1,600.00	1,539.91	88.05
Wetherbee Gate Fund	B	681.62	665.00	16.62
Woodlawn, Purchase of Land		8,200.00	—	8,200.00
Woodlawn, Clearing and Grading		1,000.00	—	1,000.00
Mt. Hope, Clearing and Grading		500.00	—	500.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Unclassified Account		1,500.00	1,357.70	142.30
Town Reports		1,000.00	944.50	55.50
Workmen's Compensation		1,300.00		
	R	246.63	1,546.63	—
Surety Bond		600.00	433.50	166.50
Pension Fund		1,410.00	1,410.00	—
Expense Fund		145.00	145.00	—
Memorial Day		500.00	486.26	13.74
Liability Insurance		700.00	634.41	65.59

Civil Defense	B	698.86		
		4,000.00	2,572.20	2,126.66
Recreation		2,500.00	1,137.83	1,362.17
Maturing Debt		16,000.00	16,000.00	—
Interest on Notes and Bonds		255.00	232.08	22.92
Playground Study		200.00	—	200.00
Power Mower		300.00	105.00	195.00
Dog Officer		450.00	450.00	—
		<u>\$484,098.33</u>	<u>\$443,770.98</u>	<u>\$40,327.35</u>

NO APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

County Hospital Assessment	\$	2,671.06
County Dog Licenses		1,052.20
County Tax		10,554.00
State Parks and Reservations		455.90
State Audit		733.33
Refund on Taxes		1,441.47
Withholding Taxes		16,474.16
Massachusetts Hospital Service		1,479.43
Middlesex County Retirement		2,607.78
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement		3,906.93
Trust Accounts		2,110.00
Interest on Trust Funds		5,448.81
Bond Issue		70.13
Elizabeth White Fund		1,207.80
Georgia Whitney Charity Fund		550.00
		<u>\$494,533.98</u>

KEY

B—Balance
G—Grants and Gifts
R—Reserve Fund
T—Transfers

CASH RECEIPTS AND DEPARTMENTAL PAYMENTS

January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951

Treasurer's Receipts

Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1951\$157,266.51

Treasurer's Itemized Report 475,243.02

\$632,509.53

Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen's Department

Salaries and Wages:

George S. Braman 383.33

Arthur W. Lee 316.67

Lawrence Donnelly 300.00

Virginia Milbery, clerk 1,452.65

Clerical Assistance 45.75

\$2,498.40

Expenses:

Postage 38.80

Stationery 43.90

Selectmen's Ass'n Dues 31.00

Attending Meetings 15.75

Sundry Items 7.60

\$137.05

Finance Committee

Expenses:

Association Dues 10.00

Association Meetings 23.00

\$33.00

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee 15.00

Treasurer

Salary:

William Henry Soar	1,000.00
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Expenses:

Postage	142.90
Stationery	101.53
Telephone	13.90
Stenographic Services	47.25
Association Dues	4.00
Sundry Items	11.25

\$320.83

Assessors

Salaries and Wages:

Albert P. Durkee	734.00
Carl C. Flint	633.00
James A. Baker	633.00
Marion Baker, clerk	242.25

\$2,242.25

Expenses:

Books and Stationery	98.60
Association Dues	9.00
Transfers and Probates	68.48
Attending Meetings	35.00
Sundry Items	56.25

\$267.33

Collector of Taxes

Salary:

Ethel A. Davis	\$1,800.00
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Expenses:

Postage	87.60
Printing and Stationery	178.19
Attending Meetings	10.00
Sundry Items	6.37

\$282.16

Town Accountant

Salaries:

Howard L. Jones	586.27
Donald O. Nylander	333.32

\$919.59

Expenses:

Books and Stationery	48.65
Stenographic Services	6.00
Sundry Items	8.54

\$63.19

Town Clerk

Salary and Wages

Harlan E. Tuttle	400.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, recording vital statistics	171.00
Clerical Assistance	71.33

\$642.33

Expenses:

Printing and Stationery	18.33
Association Dues	5.00
Postage	21.00
Telephone	50.00
Sundry Items	1.50

\$95.83

Election and Registration

Salaries and Wages:

Julia A. Barry	125.00
James B. Wilson	125.00
Grace C. Cullinane	125.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, clerk	50.00
Pay Rolls, elections	190.00

Posting warrants and notifying officers elected	15.00
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\$630.00

Expenses:

Printing warrants, voting lists, books and ballots	294.15
Rentals for Voting	15.00
Vote Meters	30.00

\$339.15

Buildings and Grounds

Salaries:

Henry Johnson, custodian	1,300.00
Care of grounds	705.13
Payrolls, Highway Dept.	365.40

\$2,370.53

Expenses:

Heat	938.39
Light	376.02
Telephone	228.91
Water	24.00
Weather Vane repairs	156.35
Paint and Hardware	297.83
Flags and Memorial	37.80
Mowers and repairs, etc.	36.48
Plumbing and heating repairs ...	169.06
Signs and lettering	89.35
Painting West Fire House interior	147.00
Painting South Fire House exterior	175.00
Shades, Center Fire House	126.00
Lightning Protection, Center Fire House	275.00
Voting booths	361.00
Water cooler, Town Hall	325.35
Care of West Acton Common ..	25.00

Sundry Items	30.12
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\$3,818.66

Town Hall

Article 14 (1950) Rewiring and Interior Decorating

A. W. Kendall, contract	224.74
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Fullonton & Decker, decorating main hall	1,598.00
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Vaughn A. Richardson, fixtures ..	177.84
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B. F. Goodrich, rubber matting ..	53.00
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\$2,053.58

Article 30, New Chairs

A. K. Thomas Co.	\$350.00
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Article 35, Fire Escape Repairs

Jenney Bros.	\$450.00
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Article 38, Painting Exterior

Fullonton and Decker	\$900.00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Salaries and Wages:

Michael Foley, Chief	3,750.00
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Regular and Special Officers	5,032.10
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\$8,782.10

Expenses:

Police Cruiser:

Gas and Oil	894.40
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Repairs	142.35
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Lettering	15.00
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Directional signals	18.75
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Tires	159.50
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Battery	18.95
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Insurance	13.00
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\$1,261.95

Other:

Telephone	195.11
Attending Chiefs' meetings	20.25
Radio Service	121.10
Ass'n Dues	5.00
Uniforms	296.25
Stationery and printing	104.02
Flashlights and batteries	8.07
Ammunition	28.35
Sundry Items	33.20

\$811.35

Police Cruiser, Article 19

Great Road Garage	\$400.00
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Traffic Zone Signs, Article 44

New England Fence Co.	87.50
State Prison	722.50

\$810.00

Fire Department

Salaries and Wages:

H. S. MacGregor, Chief	150.00
Annual Salaries	790.00
Pay Rolls, fires	1,614.10
Pay Rolls, janitors	540.00

\$3,094.10

Expenses:

Fuel	582.32
Lights	232.97
Telephone	245.39
Gas and Oil	252.41
Attending conventions & Chiefs meeting	150.00
Association Dues	13.00
Tires and tubes	360.16
Emergency road lights	74.00
Foamite	115.90

Towel service	14.00
Power brakes	150.00
Water	72.00
Repairs & parts for equipment ...	274.54
Recharges	56.48
Postage	15.00
Radio service	14.20
Miscellaneous supplies	98.14
Sundry Items	51.74

\$2,772.25

Forest Fires

Fayrolls	\$987.80
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Hydrant Service

Acton Water District	4,275.00
Town of Concord	230.00

\$4,505.00

New Fire House

Frederick H. Gagnon, Architect	1,075.00
Jenney Bros.	50,033.00

\$51,108.00

New Compressor, Center Fire House, Article 24

Louis W. Bills	1,685.00
Stanley Bros.	28.18
Garage and Auto Supply	55.60

\$1,768.78

New Equipment, Article 18

New Hose	361.50
Rubber boots, coats, etc.	253.56
Batteries, etc.	38.26
Sundry Equipment	461.25

\$1,114.57

Portable Fire Pump, Article 37

Fitzhenry-Guptill Co.	625.00
Sundry Items	53.25

\$678.25

Fire Alarm System, Article 28

Louis W. Bills, extensions	\$2,253.70
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Fire Alarm Maintenance

Payrolls	458.67
Paint and parts	156.04

\$614.71

Tree Warden

Salaries and Wages:

James J. Knight, Supt.	61.25
Franklin Charter, Supt.	529.00
Payrolls	1,157.90

\$1,748.15

Expenses:

Truck	370.75
Machinery Rental	80.00
Gas and Oil	38.15
Saw repairs & sharpening	55.69
Sundry Items	204.84

\$749.43

Feeding Shade Trees, Article 22

Franklin Charter, Supt.	122.50
Pay rolls	130.90
Trucks	73.50
Fertilizers	170.00

\$496.90

Shade Tree Replacements, Article 5

Franklin Charter, Supt.	21.25
Trucks	12.75

Clark's Nursery, trees	213.20
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\$247.20

Town Forest—Cutting Brush

Payrolls	42.60
Signs	55.00

\$97.60

Moth Department

Salaries and Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt.	478.75
Payrolls	1,002.60

\$1,481.35

Expenses:

Truck	254.25
Sprayer material and repairs ...	876.76
Gas and Oil	60.47
Dutch Elm disease control	240.52
Sundry Items	4.00

\$1,436.00

Wire Inspector

Salary:

B. D. Goss	\$550.00
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Expenses:

Stationery and printing	12.75
Postage and telephone	37.15

\$49.90

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Salaries:

Charles Bartlett, sealer	56.25
A. Perry Marble, sealer	168.75

\$225.00

Expenses:

Books, seals, etc.	\$8.77
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Salaries and Wages:

Dr. Orma L. Clark, Chairman ..	25.00
Herbert Leusher	15.00
Martin Duggan	10.00
Lillian Taylor, Town Nurse (inc. auto)	3,559.92
Hazel Vose, Town Nurse	210.00
Town Dump payroll	1,331.60
Edward J. Higgins, agent	329.50
Francis B. Whouley, for inspections, permits and licenses	175.50
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	\$5,656.52

Expenses:

Middlesex County Sanatorium ..	635.50
North Reading State Sanatorium	80.00
Diphtheria Clinic	295.00
Gravel for dump	238.50
Printing and stationery	18.85
Medical supplies	116.11
Gas	3.23
Disposal of animals	7.44
Agents expenses	358.40
Inspectors expenses	114.74
Sundry Items	6.57
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	\$1,874.34

Inspector of Animals

Salary:

Arno H. Perkins	\$150.00
Sundry Expenses	\$8.04

Garbage Disposal

Henry Anderson, contract	1,918.50
Advertising	8.00

\$1,926.50

Eradication of Poison Ivy, Article 22

Charter Tree Service	\$999.48
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HIGHWAYS

Village

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	492.00
Payrolls	1,034.80

Expenses:

Trucks	303.35
Gravel and sand	70.75
Fire Station roadwork	605.00
Tools	228.31
Paint	76.51
Welding	44.71
Sundry Items	142.44

\$2,997.87

Chapter 81

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	1,979.51
Payrolls	6,756.10

Expenses:

Trucks	1,587.45
Machinery rental	4,736.95
Cold patch and asphalt	3,534.73
Stone, sand and gravel	2,668.95
Calcium Chloride	90.00
Cable guard and posts	2,960.94

\$24,314.63

Chapter 90, Maintenance

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	66.00
Payrolls	207.95

Expenses:

Trucks	26.40
Rental of machinery	718.60
Stone, sand and gravel	569.71
Asphalt	2,010.26

\$3,598.92

Chapter 90, Main Street Construction

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	654.00
Payrolls	2,414.20

Expenses:

Trucks	261.60
Rental of machinery	4,825.05
Stone and gravel	5,203.93
Asphalt	1,639.49

\$14,998.27

Pine Street

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	54.00
Payrolls	170.80

Expenses:

Truck	27.00
Rental of machinery	227.00
Gravel	434.40
Split rock	5.00
Laying out	75.00

\$993.20

Road Machinery

Gasoline	785.88
Tires	472.32
New equipment	356.05
Welding	43.80
Repairing equipment	672.10
Sundry Items	11.84

\$2,341.99

Snow Removal

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	741.56
Payrolls	2,576.42
Trucks	944.50
Sanding	1,072.25
Plowings	2,168.00
Sand	1,388.46
Salt	1,542.00
Gasoline and Oil	201.72
Forecast service	150.00
Welding	163.75
Sundry Items	50.39

\$10,999.05

Snow Plow, Article 8 850.00

Street Lighting

Boston Edison Co. \$4,992.52

Traffic Signs and Lines

Signs	162.20
Express on signs	11.87
Painting lines	210.35

\$384.42

CHARITIES

Public Welfare

Temporary Aid:

Cash Aid, provisions and medical aid to individuals	4,027.29	
Relief by other cities and towns	287.00	
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		\$4,314.29

Administrative

Salaries:

A. Perry Marble	112.50
Lossie E. Laird	87.50
Walter Stevens	75.00
Lossie E. Laird, agent	600.00
Virginia Milbery, clerk	757.95
Vesta Thompson, clerk	2.25

Expenses:

Attending meeting and travel expenses	43.84	
Stationery and printing	22.86	
Sundry Items	73.21	
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		\$1,775.11

Old Age Assistance

Cash Aid to individuals	33,921.95	
Aid by other cities and towns ...	1,078.05	
Federal Grant:		
Cash aid to individuals	28,380.30	
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		\$63,380.30

Aid to Dependent Children

Cash aid to individuals	\$8,535.68
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Veterans' Benefits

Salary:

Edward J. Higgins, Agent	\$150.00
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Administrative:

Stationery	8.85
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Travel expense, postage & telephone	166.50
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\$175.35

Cash aid to veterans and hospitalization	\$3,244.25
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Veterans' Services

Theron A. Lowden, services	735.00
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Geraldene Prentiss, clerk	54.75
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\$789.75

Education

Salaries	95,689.35
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Expenses: School report	24,316.02
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State—Federal milk fund	1,435.40
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High school athletic fund	1,348.63
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Vocational tuition, Article 13 ...	1,823.47
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Physical education, Article 14 ...	500.00
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School lunches, Article 15	100.00
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Redecorating high school, Article 31	620.00
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Center School heating system Art. 32	5,800.00
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Insurance, high school, Article 33	97.00
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Special School Building Comm. ...	2,186.65
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Regional School District, Art. 36 (1950)	77.45
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LIBRARIES

Memorial Library

Salaries and Wages:

Mary Lothrop, Librarian	840.00
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Henry Johnson, custodian	350.00
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\$1,190.00

Expenses:

Fuel	477.03
Lights	88.53
Water	24.00
Insurance	87.12
Book Truck	76.50
Stationery and printing	80.05
Shelving	48.00
Sundry Items	86.95

\$968.18

Citizen's Library — West Acton

Salaries and Wages:

Mary Lothrop	27.00
Edith Hopkinson	86.50
Thelma M. Blood	3.00
Sundry Expenses	7.79

\$124.29

Library Books

Books and Magazines	\$603.35
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CEMETERIES

Salaries and Wages:

Fred S. Kennedy, Supt.	2,600.00
Payrolls	2,783.05

\$5,383.05

Expenses:

Fuel oil & heater service	297.46
Postage, telephone and dues	22.42
Typewriter	40.00

Insurance	45.00
Express charges & trucking	550.25
Paint	46.88
Gas and oil	29.60
Grass seed and fertilizer	63.80
Repairing mowers, etc.	170.27
Lime and cement	36.79
Lumber	53.56
Flowers	30.95
Water	36.00
Miscellaneous tools	136.05
Lighting	32.48
Loam	57.00
Sundry Items	250.79

\$1,899.30

Perpetual Care

Payrolls	708.30
Flowers	30.95

\$739.25

Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund

Payrolls	1,139.60
Fertilizer	59.74
Weed killer	45.98
Loam	99.00
Pipe	16.74
Roadwork (hot-top)	145.00
Vases and candles	33.85

\$1,539.91

Lowering Device

Cemetery and Park Equipment Co.	331.55
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Private Trust Funds

Wetherbee Gate Fund	\$665.00
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Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	22.00
Roland Wetherbee Fund	98.80
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	25.00

Unclassified

Advertising	126.51
Cabinet for Isaac Davis Plow	75.00
Search for missing fisherman ..	226.70
Clerical Assistance	306.53
Rental of equipment	60.00
Center Fire Station fire insurance	91.50
Center Fire Station furniture and equipment	360.61
Moving Accountant's safe	25.00
Perambulating town lines	60.00
Sundry Items	25.85
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	\$1,357.70

Civilian Defense

Medical Supplies	231.02
Communication equipment & service	281.93
Finger print equipment	28.25
Radio station, transmitter and re- ceiver	2,031.00
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	\$2,572.20

Recreation

Frederic W. Rimbach, Supt.	501.25
Payrolls	272.25
Gas and oil	75.18
Mower repairs	55.01
Lime	4.95
Welding	9.20
Fencing	7.50
Tools	7.09
Acton Water District	156.30

Sundry Items	49.10	
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		\$1,137.83

Town Reports

Reports	934.50	
Delivering reports	10.00	
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		\$944.50

Insurance

Liability		\$634.41
Workmen's Compensation		\$1,546.63

Surety Bonds

Collector	264.00	
Treasurer	162.00	
Town Clerk	7.50	
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		\$433.50

Dog Officer

Keeping and destroying 51 dogs		\$450.00
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Memorial Day

23rd Infantry Band	200.00	
Flags	64.80	
Wreaths	25.00	
Buses	60.00	
Refreshments	26.96	
Flowers	105.00	
Notices	4.50	
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		\$486.26

Pensions

Pension Fund	1,410.00	
Expense Fund	145.00	
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		\$1,555.00

Power Mower — Article 29

Farquhar Tire Service	\$105.00
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Maturing Debt

High school addition	1,000.00
Fire house	15,000.00
Interest	232.08
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	\$16,232.08

No Appropriation Accounts

County Hospital Assessment	2,671.06
County Dog Licenses	1,052.20
County Tax	10,554.00
State Parks and reservations	455.90
State audit	733.33
Refunds on taxes	1,441.47
Withholding taxes	16,474.16
Massachusetts Hospital Service ..	1,479.43
Middlesex County Retirement ...	2,607.78
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	3,906.93
Trust accounts	2,110.00
Interest on Trust Funds	4,948.81
Bond Issue	70.13
Elizabeth White Fund	1,207.80
Georgia Whitney Charity Fund	550.00
Estate of Murray Brown	500.00
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	50,763.00
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Total Expenditures	494,533.98
Cash Balance, December 31, 1951	137,975.55
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	\$632,509.53
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Reserve Fund Transfers

Moth Dept. Dutch Elm disease control	250.00
School Dept. books and supplies	600.00
Accountant, expenses	15.00
Workmen's Compensation	246.63
Election and Registration, expenses	89.15
Veteran's Benefits, expenses	77.00
Fire Dept. salaries	89.10
Fire Dept. expenses	475.00
Health Dept. salaries	1,200.00
Chapter 81, Highways	1,425.00
Town Clerk, salaries	92.33
Treasurer, expenses	40.00
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	4,599.21
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Machinery Fund

Balance, January 1, 1951	6,671.38
Received from rentals	3,486.25
Unexpended balance, Road Machinery account	158.01
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	10,315.64
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Transferred to Road Machinery account	2,500.00
Balance, December 31, 1951	7,815.64
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	10,315.64
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Cemetery Land Fund

Balance, January 1, 1951	2,815.35
Received from sale of lots	500.00

3,315.35

Transferred to Woodlawn for clearing and grading	1,000.00
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Transferred to Mt. Hope for clearing and grading	500.00
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Balance, December 31, 1951	1,815.35
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\$ 3,315.35

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1951

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		\$137,975.55
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes		
Levy of 1947		
Poll		2.00
Levy of 1948		
Real Estate	\$	818.78
Personal Property		677.63
Poll		70.00
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		\$1,566.41
Levy of 1949		
Real Estate		2,986.90
Personal Property		860.10
Poll		242.00
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		\$4,089.00
Levy of 1950		
Real Estate		8,642.94
Personal Property		1,294.92
Poll		360.00
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		\$10,297.86
Levy of 1951		
Real Estate		26,470.52
Personal Property		7,782.75
Poll		616.00
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		\$34,869.27
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		
Levy of 1947		28.64
Levy of 1948		252.10
Levy of 1949		1,474.28
Levy of 1950		4,174.23
Levy of 1951		1,799.55
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		\$7,728.80

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1951

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Tailings Account	\$ 144.81
Blue Cross	154.85
County Retirement	275.49
Road Machinery Fund	7,815.64
County Dog Licenses	8.40
Cemetery Land Fund	1,815.35
High School Athletic Fund	165.86
State and Federal School Milk Fund	129.46
Wetherbee Memorial Gate Fund	16.62

Appropriation and Transfer Balances:

Painting Town Hall	\$ 1,200.00
Highway Culverts	4,000.00
Special School Building Committee	688.35
Library Books	7.96
Redecorate Interior of Memorial Library	375.00
Mt. Hope Cemetery, Oiling Roads	800.00
Mt. Hope Cemetery, Clearing and Grading	500.00
Woodlawn Cemetery, Purchase of Land	8,200.00
Woodlawn Cemetery, Clearing and Grading	1,000.00
Civilian Defense	2,126.66
Town Forest Committee, Purchase of Land	500.00
Town Forest Committee, Cutting Brush	152.40
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	\$19,550.37

Other Balances: Cemetery Department:

Perpetual Care	200.67
Wetherbee Fund	1.55
Raymond Fund	18.45
Hosmer Fund	88.05
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	\$308.72

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance	3,980.15
Aid to Dependent Children	1,099.96
Old Age Assistance, Administration Expense	21.13
Aid to Dependent Children, Administration	
Expense	136.61
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\$5,237.85

Reserves:

Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus	\$2,748.80
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ASSETS

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1947	2.00	
Levy of 1948	1,060.69	
Tax Judgement		\$502.62
Tax Titles		\$55.37
Tax Title Possessions		\$400.19
Departmental		
School Department	865.02	
Aid to Dependent Children	674.63	
Cemetery Department	105.00	
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		\$1,644.65
State and County Aid to Highways		
County	3,750.36	
State	12,853.70	
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		16,604.06
Under Estimate 1951 County Tax		\$425.70
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		\$216,161.48
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DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$6,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In custody of Town Treasurer	241,971.94
In custody of Trustees	3,465.54
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\$245,437.48

LIABILITIES AND RESERVE

Levy of 1949	2,263.89
Levy of 1950	2,030.58
Levy of 1951	1,816.61

\$7,173.77

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	8,231.42
Tax Titles	455.56
Departmental	1,644.65
State and County Aid to Highways	16,604.06

\$26,935.69

Over Estimates — 1951

State Parks	54.96
County Hospital Assessment	906.99

\$961.95

Surplus Revenue \$142,717.85

\$216,161.48

DEBT ACCOUNT

High School Addition Loan \$6,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Henry S. Raymond Monument Fund	791.35
Henry S. Raymond Cemetery Fund	1,684.34
Charlotte Conant School Library Fund	1,589.16
Hoit and Scott Cemetery Fund	538.35
Roland Wetherbee Cemetery Fund	10,267.08
Elizabeth White Charity Fund	27,705.68
Georgia Whitney Charity Fund	15,011.07
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	17,091.40
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	757.24
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	5,339.95
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	61,601.82
Cemetery Surplus Fund	205.71
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,530.34
Frank C. Hayward Cemetery Fund	1,079.07
Georgia Whitney Cemetery Fund	1,628.62
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	84,752.19
Betsy Ball Charity Fund	10,398.57
Charlotte Goodnow Fund	3,465.54

\$245,437.48

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD O. NYLANDER

Town Accountant

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1951. An appropriation of \$2,500 was made for tree work. This money was used for removing dead and dangerous trees and removing limbs below minimum clearance over the streets. One hundred and forty-eight trees of all species were removed. Low limbs removed along 16 miles of streets. Corrective pruning was done on 124 of the newer trees planted by the department.

Under a special article \$250 was appropriated for planting of new trees. Thirty-three trees were planted, the majority of these on private property. With utility wires and gas and water pipes crowding the sides of the streets, the trees have a better chance to develop within the property lines.

Under a special article \$1,000 was appropriated for Poison Ivy control. The grounds around the schools and other town buildings were sprayed with a herbicide to kill poison ivy. In addition, 22 miles of streets were sprayed for this control.

An appropriation of \$500 was made for feeding trees. The large trees along Main Street and the Common were fed with a fertilizer high in nitrogen. Most of the new maples planted during the last five years were also given a feeding.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER

Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1951

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year the cemetery department has received and paid into the treasury the sum of \$1724.00 which can be found itemized in the treasurer's report. Also in the town collector's report you will find the sum of \$421.00 for the annual care of lots, which is credited to the cemetery department receipts.

There has been added to the perpetual care account the past year, in new accounts, the sum of \$1,700.00

We recommend an appropriation for the care of the cemeteries, the sum of \$9,250.00 for the year 1952.

We wish to call attention to all lot owners who have lots that are not under perpetual care, the following: The State Auditors claim that by the vote taken at the annual town meeting, March 14, 1949, that annual care bills are accounts receivable to the town and must be collected. Therefore we have instructed the superintendent to commit to the town collector for collection all annual care bills on lots not under perpetual care. We ask for the co-operation of all the lot owners in regards to this matter.

When we were in the process of having the title to the land which the town voted to purchase for the addition to Woodlawn Cemetery, looked up, we found that the matter of a right of way was involved and we have placed in the warrant for the annual town meeting an article to take care of this matter. As soon as the town approves of this article, we plan to purchase the land and to start developing it at once.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD F. JONES
RAY L. HARRIS
HARRY E. HOLT

Cemetery Commissioners

1951 ACTON TOWN REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

Middlesex County maintains an Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics for the benefit of all towns within the County. This service is available to all citizens, especially farmers, home gardeners, homemakers, rural youth and 4-H Club boys and girls.

The work is developed by an unpaid Board of Trustees, who maintain a staff of agents at the headquarters at 19 Everett Street, Concord. The trustees appoint a director in each town to represent them in all phases of Extension Work or in a few cases towns elect a director and make an appropriation to help defray local expenses.

In addition to farm and home visits made upon request, local meetings are held, or sectional or county-wide meetings or tours are helps available to everyone. A monthly bulletin is published, timely letters mailed on spraying, fertilizing, seeding, poultry problems, information to home makers, boys and girls' 4-H work or general community problems.

Some of the activities that took place last year in Acton are as follows:

Educational work with the dairy men was concentrated on programs to assist the farmers in solving their problems of raising better roughage, disease control and milk marketing. Daniel Sweeney, dairyman, enrolled in the Green Pasture Program. He completed the program and received an appropriate seal for this work.

Close contacts were kept with Louis A. Flerra and Albert Jenks. Several other fruit and vegetable growers as well as home owners were serviced. A Twilight Fruit Meeting was held in co-operation with Mr. Flerra and Mr. Jenks, and the pre-harvest meeting with Worcester County was held at Flerra's packing house and storage.

Increased efficiency, flock health, greater breeding progress, and better marketing practices were the principal goals

of the Extension Poultry Program. Efficient management practices and equipment were among the topics discussed at meetings of the Middlesex County Poultry Association, held at the town hall on the second Monday of the month. F. W. Putnam, Woodbury Lane, is enrolled in the Middlesex Flock Health Program, through which the Extension Service is attempting to help poultrymen and turkey growers to keep their flocks healthy. Rabbit breeders were given assistance through the Middlesex Commercial Rabbit Association, which meets monthly at the Extension Service "Schoolhouse" in Concord.

Mrs. Cleon Phelps and Mrs. Laurence Winslow have been active in promoting Extension Service in Acton. During the year local women attended the "New Ideas in Food Preparation." A kitchen visit in South Acton was made to help with remodeling problems. The "Tater Family" program of Understanding Ourselves and Others was presented. Christmas brought a request for the gift kit, a collection of easy-to-make items that make popular Christmas presents.

There were forty-nine 4-H Club Members in Acton during the past year. The clubs included clothing, child care, poultry, garden, and dairy. People instrumental in the organization of 4-H Club work were Mrs. Laurence Winslow, Rev. David Thompson, Mrs. Daniel Sweeney, Mrs. Fred Richards, Mrs. Cleon Phelps, Mrs. Roger M. Myrick, Mrs. Kenneth Jewell, and Mr. Paul Cornwall.

Janice Phelps of South Acton distinguished herself in club work by being chosen as a delegate to both the State 4-H Dress Revue at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and the 4-H part of Eastern States Exposition. Allan Warner of South Acton won a trip to Boston and a medal for excellent work in building up a herd of dairy cattle.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE

Town Director

REPORT OF THE ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carl A. Christofferson, Chairman
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Wilfred W. Forbes, M.D.
Eugene L. Hall
Arthur W. Whitcomb
Wendell F. Davis, D.M.D.
Florence A. Merriam
Gertrude P. Tuttle

Miss Tuttle, Miss Merriam and Dr. Davis hold office by election. The others are Corporate Members.

Librarians

Mary Lothrop, Memorial Library
Edith Hopkinson, West Acton Branch

Custodian

Henry A. Johnson

Under the will of the late Murray Brown, the Library has received a gift of \$500, for which it is very grateful. After the formality of acceptance, the Trustees plan to spend the money for Standard Reference Books. They feel that Mr. Brown would want his contemporaries to get the good of several articles of enduring usefulness. They intend to indicate the source of the gift with proper labels.

The three days a week plan is working well. People like the greater leeway in returning books and I like a little extra time for helping students and newcomers. Although there come times when people still have to wait, the congestion is much less.

The Children's Party given for those who have earned Honor Certificates in reading was a success. This was due to their good work and to the kindness of Mr. William Owen who lent equipment and time to show us the pictures. We thank him sincerely. Several small readers were inspired to begin reading immediately for this year of 1952.

Mrs. Barrett and her Second Grade pupils came visiting outside Library hours. It was a pleasure to show them about

and answer their questions as they were so well behaved. It is a part of a greater cooperation than has existed before, with the schools, extending into the High School. In fact, the teachers there and all over the Town, have helped us to help them, by making reading lists, giving helpful suggestions and encouraging students to use the Library. Furthermore, the pupils come with definite requests and their manners are those of grown people .

Accession—Number of volumes in Library January 1,	
1951	20919
Increase by purchase	236
Increase by gift	285
Withdrawn from circulation	563
Number of volumes in Library January 1,	
1952	20,877
Circulation—Number of days Library was open	143
Number of volumes circulated	21,100
Largest daily circulation December 19	551
Smallest daily circulation March 19	21
Daily average	147.5
Gain in circulation over previous year	1,782

The circulation breaks up as follow:

Fiction 11,487, Juvenile 6894, Non-Fiction 2719	
The Library has given Boxborough Library	22
The Library has given Emerson Hospital	185

The Library acknowledges with gratitude, gifts from the following:

BOOKS

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Olsen 1, and a subscription; Mildred Pope Moore, 93 and magazines; Mr. and Mrs. Hollis, 1; W. B. Stevens, Magazines; Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred W. Forbes, 9; B. and M. R.R., 1; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gaebel, 9; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darling, 5; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christofferson, 63; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Callahan, 8 and a magazine; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lewis, 403; Mr. and Mrs. John Black, Magazines; Mrs. Laura Forbes, 6; The Randen Foundation, 1; Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 5; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence F. Petersen, 3; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hapgood, 6 and magazines; Dr. and

Mrs. Donnell Boardman, Magazines; Avis Collins, 1; Concord Free Public Library, 7; Mr. and Mrs. John Crichton, 63; Katie Motley, 1; A Friend, 3; Mr. and Mrs. William Hinckley, 1; Henry Seton, 1; Mrs. Walter M. Bird, 1; Robert Whittier, 1; Charles C. Carr, 1; E. H. Washburn, Magazines.

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS

Fines	\$181.63
Miscellaneous	18.35
Books sold	4.00
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Total	\$203.98

MARY LOTHROP,
Librarian

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Acton, Massachusetts

The Board of Health herewith submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1951, together with the report of its Agent, Town Nurse, Inspector of Food and Milk, Inspector of Slaughtering, Inspector of Sanitation, Burial Agent, and items of interest concerning the health of the residents of Acton.

Environmental Sanitation: Each year for many years, your Board of Health report has included the necessary information for closing out the year in which there has been expenses, or a salary paid to someone connected with the Board of Health such as Agent, Inspector of Food and Milk, Town Nurse, Caretaker of the Town Dump and others. For most of us this is the end of the year, and a new year must then be planned with whatever might happen, could happen, and what might be necessary in view. What we know will happen we plan and submit a budget for, but what might happen, we plan, but do not submit a request for funds until we are sure it is going to happen. Various plans for sanitary improvement have been talked over at the Board of Health meetings which are held usually at the office of Dr. O. L. Clark on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Every complaint or request for service is reported to the Board

by the Agent, Inspector of Food, or the Town Nurse, or any member of the Board who might have received the complaint or request. A record is kept on file and some we have are many years old but might come up again, but all concerning health conditions in the Town of Acton.

At present we have two patients in the Middlesex County Sanatorium in Waltham. They are expected to be there for some time yet.

There have been two licenses issued for Child Centers or Kindergartens in the Town of Acton, both of which have been inspected by the Board of Health and approved.

The Town Dump will remain at its present location, and citizens of the town are requested to assist the caretaker by throwing refuse over the banks as it will save the necessity of hiring heavy equipment to push it over later. It would also prevent paper from being blown around the area.

Your Board of Health has been working constantly for the best interest of the people of Acton, and should problems arise concerning any group or number of people, we are certain that it can be worked out to the best advantage of the citizens of the Town.

The District Health Officer has approached us several times asking what we had done as a Board of Health toward putting it up to the town to join a Union Board of Health. The article was placed in the town warrant and a committee appointed, but no report has been received. In discussing it at Board of Health meetings, we feel that it is going to be a large added expense to the town, even at \$1.00 per capita over and above what the Board is already having to spend, therefore, your Board has felt that while the state may compel us to join a Union Board of Health in the next few years, we feel that as long as we are carrying out the minimum requirements of an active Board of Health they will not force us to do so, but rather wish that we would request joining. This the Board feels is not feasible at this time unless the town as a whole wishes it.

Respectfully submitted,

ORMA LAWRENCE CLARK, M.D., Chrmn.
HERBERT L. LEUSHER
MARTIN J. DUGGAN

Board of Health

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

To the Board of Health:

There were forty-seven cases of contagious diseases which are dangerous to public health reported to the Board of Health during the year 1951. All cases of contagious diseases must be reported to the agent of the Board of Health, who in turn reports them to the State Health Department and the North Middlesex Health District. This report is compiled by the State Health Department and reported in turn to the United States Public Health Service.

Cases reported:

Chicken Pox	8
Dog Bite	3
Mumps	17
Scarlet Fever	2
Amebic	2
German Measles	6
Influenza	5
Measles	4

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,

Agent

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

My report for year ending December 31, 1951.

Bedside calls	758
Pre-natal calls	172
Post-natal calls	150
Welfare	425
Night and off hour calls	23
T. B. Patients and Contacts	30

Eight patients were taken to Middlesex County Hospital for X-ray and check-up.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN F. TAYLOR, R.N.

Town Nurse

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health
Acton, Massachusetts

Submitted herewith is report of Inspector of Slaughtering for the year 1951.

During the year there were no reports of slaughtering of animals for which permits were requested and approved.

There was one permit issued for the slaughtering of poultry and seven cases of poultry slaughtering investigated, with three cases reported for further investigation.

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SANITATION

To the Board of Health
Acton, Massachusetts

Submitted herewith is the report of Inspector of Sanitation during the year 1951:

During the year there were sixty-two (62) cases of sanitary inspections initiated by complaints of individuals, citizens of the town, or requests from home builders who were interested in complying with normal health conditions in building their homes. All cases were investigated and found to be in compliance with normal conditions required by present laws in Acton.

Cess pools draining toward wells	18
Waste food and rubbish on roads	22
New installations of septic tanks	20
Inspection of swimming places	2

It is not recommended that new laws or restrictions be invoked at this time due to the recent increase in building of both homes and business establishments.

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Sanitary Inspector

REPORT OF BURIAL AGENT

There were thirty-nine (39) deaths reported for which burial permits were issued during 1951.

Deaths	39
Died in Acton	35
Died elsewhere	4
Buried in Acton	16
Buried elsewhere	23

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Burial Agent

REPORT OF MILK AND FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health

Following is the report of the Milk and Food Inspector for 1951.

Total Calls made:

Dairy and Goat Barns	27
Milk check	6
Restaurants	51
Store Inspections	49
Septic tanks	11
State and Region B. of H.	9
Odors and Complaints	13

Expense of water analysis must be borne by complainants unless it is a health nuisance.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS B. WHOULEY,
Milk and Food Inspector

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the report of the Board of Public Welfare for the year 1951.

The appropriation for Welfare for 1951 was \$4,500.00.

During 1951, we aided ten cases in Acton and three cases out of town with Acton settlements. At the present time, we are aiding five welfare cases in Acton. For the out-of-town bills during the past year, we paid \$296.00, while \$4,018.29 was paid for the ten cases in Acton. In anticipation of bills which will be incurred during 1952, we find it necessary to ask for an appropriation of \$4,500.00, the same as last year.

For Aid to Dependent Children, we are asking an appropriation of \$6,000.00. This is \$1,000.00 more than the appropriation for 1951. During the year, we aided six families having a total of thirteen dependent children. Our present case load is four families with a total of nine children.

We are asking for \$41,000.00 for Old Age Assistance for the coming year. This is \$6,000.00 more than last year's appropriation. The increase is due to an increased budget through legislation. On January 1, 1951, our case load was 78 and on December 31, 1951, it was 76. During the entire year, 89 persons were aided under this category of assistance, 66 of these had Acton settlements, 10 with out-of-town settlements and 13 which were unsettled.

Chapter 741 of the Acts of 1951 establishes a new category of Public Assistance called Disability Assistance. This law became effective November 1, 1951. Basically, this provides for assistance to needy persons, who are permanently and totally disabled, and who have resided in the Commonwealth for one year immediately preceding date of application. Anyone desiring further information may contact our office.

In accordance with Chapter 793 of the Acts of 1950, it is necessary that a Welfare Board employ a Civil Service Agent or combine with other towns to form a Welfare District. It is the opinion of the Board that the latter plan is the cheapest and most advantageous.

Your Board, desiring to give you an analysis of the expenditures for 1951, submits the following:

Temporary Aid

Paid to other places on Acton settled cases	\$ 296.00
Paid to cases in Acton	4,018.29

		\$4,314.29
Estimated reimbursement from other towns	\$ 112.33	

112.33

Approximate net cost to Town of Acton	\$4,201.96
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Aid to Dependent Children

Total expended		\$8,535.68
Estimated Federal Grants	\$2,958.73	
Estimated State reimbursements	2,845.24	

5,803.97

Approximate net cost to Town of Acton	\$2,731.71
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Old Age Assistance

Total expended		\$63,378.30
Estimated Federal Grants	\$25,972.84	
Estimated State reimbursements	26,248.26	
Estimated reimbursements from other places	696.73	

52,917.83

Approximate net cost to Town of Acton	\$10,460.47
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Appropriations recommended for 1952:

General Relief	\$ 4,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	6,000.00
Old Age Assistance	41,000.00
Disability Assistance	1,500.00
Administration	1,800.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. PERRY MARBLE
LOSSIE E. LAIRD
WALTER B. STEVENS

Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE FIRE HOUSE COMMITTEE

On September 8th, 1951, "Open House" was held for the public to inspect the new fire station at Acton Center. A band concert and refreshments added enjoyment to the occasion.

Final acceptance by the town was on October 19, 1951.

The contract as originally awarded left the upstairs unfinished except for the toilet room. However, as construction progressed the school department became interested in the large meeting room available on the second floor.

At a special town meeting held on April 30, 1951, the school department cooperated in explaining their need for extra classroom facilities. It was voted to take \$8,000 from the surplus revenue account to complete the entire upstairs. A third grade has occupied the second floor since September.

The fire house is not only complete but is completely paid for. It will provide ample accommodations and facilities for a long time.

The committee wishes to extend its thanks to Jenney Bros., the contractors., and Frederick H. Gagnon, the architect, for their cooperation and interest. Many details which the committee eliminated to keep within the appropriation were included by the contractor. Mr. Gagnon drew the extra plans, did the weathervane, and based his fee on original estimates rather than on the actual costs.

Several citizens and organizations made contributions which greatly helped the committee, the weathervane and goldleafing was made possible by two Acton Center gentlemen. A desk was added by another. Acton Garden Club furnished the evergreens and shrubbery while Acton Grange has given money to erect a flagpole.

The building has hot top pavement and walks, is completely equipped with lightning rods, and in the spring the lawn will be incorporated into the town common.

WALTER B. STEVENS

EDWARD J. BURSAW

F. WENDELL PUTNAM, JR.

LLOYD W. PRIEST

H. STUART MacGREGOR

Fire House Committee

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, SUBMITTED JANUARY 21, 1952

This report is submitted to the Town of Acton in the belief that it provides a reasonable solution to our school housing problems at a minimum cost to the town.

In accordance with Article 48 of the annual town meeting of March 12, 1951, this committee retained Educational Service Associates of Medford to make a school population survey of Acton. It was hoped that this study would substantiate the population estimates made by this committee in the autumn of 1950, thereby enabling the town to secure state assistance in the construction of a local high school.

The results, however, indicated that the probable population of a four year high school would average 294 or 39 less than the average of 333, estimated by this committee for the 4 year period, September 1960 to June 1964, inclusive.

Representatives of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission have stated that Acton can expect no state aid for a local High School on the basis of these figures.

The survey report came to a number of conclusions dealing with the relation of their population study and the development of the regional school system. One of which is quoted herewith as in it your committee sees real common sense. "No. 7 Acton should not take any action which will commit the Town to a policy contrary to regionalization." To this conclusion your committee, for the present, subscribes.

The Educational Service Associates made two recommendations which are pertinent to the present stage of development of the Acton School system.

They recommend that Acton participate in the development of a regional high school district with neighboring communities. In their report they admitted that for the present this plan could not be carried out, so they put greater priority on a recommendation for "Acton to build an 8 room unit adjacent to or integrated with the present high school building and use it to house elementary grades."

Your committee feels that this latter recommendation made the basis of real progress in that it would alleviate pressure where it has been felt first, in the elementary

grades; yet it does not commit the town to a policy contrary to regionalization. An 8 room unit would relieve the situation only until September of 1953 which is the earliest date upon which you could expect the building to be ready for occupancy.

In a recent meeting with the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission this fact was pointed out, and the administrator for the Commission stated that if justification could be shown for additional classrooms, he would recommend to the commissioners that state aid be granted for the new unit if it were to house only elementary grades.

Acton's long range school plans should comprise two major steps: (1) the construction of an elementary school of sufficient size to relieve present over-crowded conditions; and (2) the construction of a new High School, either Regional or Local. Simultaneously the town should convert the present High School into a grade school and close the village schools.

Based on this plan and a study of the population figures in the survey and consultation with the School Committee and Mr. Pearson on the utilization of the space proposed; the Special School Building Committee recommends; (1) that the Town of Acton construct as rapidly as possible an elementary school unit with a minimum of 12 classrooms; (2) that the Town authorize the committee to continue immediately the study of High School building problems both from local and regional aspects.

Estimates for such a unit have been secured from S. W. Haynes Associates of Fitchburg, based on current contract awards for comparable schools.

Building cost	\$450,000.00
Equipment, architects fees, Engineering, landscaping, Cost of land and miscellaneous expenses	125,000.00
Estimated Total Cost	\$575,000.00

The \$40,000 requested in Article 2 of tonight's Town Meeting is included in this figure of \$575,000 and is not in addition thereto. The breakdown and specific uses for this money are estimated as follows:

Architectural and engineering fees for drawing plans and specifications	\$18,000.00
Land purchase	13,070.00
Contingencies—Test borings, contour surveys, site development, legal expense, advertising for bids and miscellaneous expense	8,930.00
Total	<hr/> \$40,000.00

It should be noted that this is a very rough estimate, prices are changing by the week and actual cost can only be determined when the bids are opened.

Rough Financing Estimate

Total Cost	\$575,000.00
Approximate State Aid	185 000.00
Amount to be financed by the town	<hr/> \$390,000.00
Finance Plan A—Entire amount financed by a 20 year bond issue and state aid of \$185,000.00.	
Town must raise in first year at 2% int.	\$11,500.00
plus principal payment	19,500.00
Total	<hr/> \$31,000.00

This represents tax rate increase of \$6.73.

Finance Plan B—Raise \$20,000.00 by taxation in 1952 and transfer \$20,000.00 from surplus revenue in 1952.

Town must raise interest by taxation in first payment on bond issue	\$10 700.00
plus principal payment	17,500.00
Total	<hr/> \$28,200.00

This represents a tax increase of \$6.13.

Reduction of interest charges reduces this tax increase at a rate of 12¢ on a \$1,000 valuation a year. In simple language, the first year cost for the home owner with \$4,000 assessed valuation would be about \$25.00 and, through the lowering of interest charges, this gradually reduces to an average cost of about \$14.00 in the 19th and 20th years.

Even these estimates may be too high as they make no allowance for the increased valuations on new construction in the town which may be considerable.

The plan of action set forth in this report is, in the eyes of your committee, the most practical solution to the school housing problem, and we ask for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Special School Building Committee

CARL A. CHRISTOFFERSON

PORTER G. JENKS

MARION C. REED

THOMAS MOTLEY 2nd.

**INTERIM REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE
APPOINTED IN OCTOBER, 1951 AS AUTHORIZED
BY THE 1951 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

It is the consensus of your committee, after a careful study of the problem, that it would be impossible to complete protection by-laws on zoning and give them desirable and necessary publicity and hearings in time for publication in the 1951 Annual Report and presentation at the 1952 Annual Town Meeting in March. Your committee is therefore submitting this interim report, and requests further time to complete the job.

In the past, Acton has considered protective by-laws on several occasions. Your committee feels that, even though all legal provisions were strictly complied with, the citizens never had sufficient opportunity for discussion and to contribute their thoughts prior to the official hearing and presentation at the town meeting.

In order that this may not happen again, we have had the protective by-laws mimeographed as submitted to the 1948 Annual Town Meeting and contained in the 1947 Annual Report. Copies are in the hands of the committee and at the Town Hall and may be had on request. We hope every voter, and every club and civic organization will study the zoning by-laws as proposed in 1948 and let the committee know how they should be corrected and improved.

After hearing from you, your committee plans to draw up tentative by-laws and present them to the various localities

in Acton for discussion. A map will then be made and by-laws presented for final hearing as required by law. It is planned to call a special town meeting for final consideration of the protective by-laws.

HAROLD Y. BANQUER, 48 Nashoba Road, West Acton
MEDVILLE L. CLARK, 246 School Street, South Acton
CHARLES JUDD FARLEY, 328 Nagog Hill Road, Acton
Centre, Chairman

ELLIS C. JOHNSON, 7 Great Road, East Acton
NORMAN R. VEENSTRA, 22 High Street, South Acton

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Some progress has been made during the year toward putting together a Civil Defense Organization for the Town of Acton. Much remains to be done and many volunteers are needed for assignment and training if our organization is to succeed.

A housing survey was completed by the Board of Public Welfare for the purpose of ascertaining the number of evacuees that could be cared for in private homes in the event of necessity. Schools, churches and other buildings within the town have been designated as shelters and their capacity for housing purposes has been registered with the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency.

Dr. Wilbur W. Forbes, Director of the Medical and Health Department of our Civil Defense program, has procured some first aid supplies and prepared kits to be used by corpsmen assigned to emergency work. He is in need of volunteers for first aid courses and other assignments.

A communication system consisting of a Master Station, Auxiliary Station and one mobile transmitting unit has been purchased and is now being used by the Police and Fire Department. This equipment permits direct communication by both the Police and Fire Departments with the Police and Fire Departments of Concord and Maynard and is of valuable

assistance to these departments in their work. In the event of an emergency this equipment is readily movable and would give us an inter-communication system within the town.

Headquarters for Civil Defense is being moved to the Acton Center fire house and anyone who will assist in this program should communicate with Dewey E. Boatman, Acton 602.

Respectfully submitted,

DEWEY E. BOATMAN

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen, Town of Acton:

At the 1951 Town Meeting the Moderator was authorized to appoint a Committee to investigate and recommend the advisability of insuring all or any part of the town buildings or equipment and report at the next annual Town Meeting.

Your Committee has had a preliminary appraisal made by a reputable insurance company and they estimate the value of all buildings to be \$457,450. While this amount is not binding on the insurance company, it is an indication of building value.

On the basis of this value of buildings which Acton has at risk and in view of the fact that there are only three buildings now insured and two of these only for a nominal amount, your Committee recommends that the voters consider the purchase of fire insurance on a blanket basis up to an amount of at least 80% of the replacement value less depreciation of the buildings (not the amount necessary to rebuild new) at a net annual cost (providing the three-year premium is paid in advance and assuming the continuation of the company's current dividend rate) of \$1500. In order to start this program, it would be necessary for the Town to appropriate a sum of \$3,000. and write the insurance on a budget basis.

It is recommended that if the insurance is purchased, an accepted practice of other towns be followed and one local agent in town be charged with the responsibility of servicing the fire insurance on the town buildings and receive the bulk of the commission income rather than distribute it among several agents and have no one responsible for the fire insurance program.

As respects building contents and town equipment, there is not the potential large loss as there is in the buildings and if insurance is purchased on buildings, then consideration can be given to the other for which the cost, in comparison, would be nominal.

WILSON D. SKED, CHAIRMAN
BENJAMIN J. INESON
HOWARD BILLINGS (resigned
in June because of ill health).

1951 ANNUAL REPORT

of the School Department

For the Year Ending December Thirty-First



Town of Acton, Massachusetts

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

Mrs. G. Howard Reed, Chairman	Term expires 1952
Mr. Wilson Sked	Term expires 1952
Mr. Leo Cunningham	Term expires 1952
Mrs. Gerald Hollis, Secretary	Term expires 1953
Mrs. Harlan Tuttle	Term expires 1954
Mr. Dana Hinckley	Term Expires 1954

Meetings of the School Committee

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held the third Monday of each month in the high school at 7:30 p.m. Exceptions may be made especially during the summer months.

Superintendent

Whitman Pearson

School Department Office, High School Building
Telephone Acton 110

School Department Secretary	Mrs. Donald Felt
School Physician	Paul P. Gates, M.D. Telephone 412
School Nurse	Mrs. Simon Taylor, R.N. Telephone 33-22
Attendance Officer	Louis Leveroni
High School, Telephone 110	Vice-Principal William O'Connell Custodian, Louis Leveroni
Center School, Telephone 86	Principal, Mrs. Dardana Berry Custodian, Nerman Livermore
Fire House Classroom	Miss Joan Dwane
Church Classroom	Mrs. Celina MacLean
South School, Telephone 445	Principal, Miss Julia McCarthy Custodian, Kenneth Harvey
West School, Telephone 105	Principal, Mrs. Carolyn Douglas Custodian, Ernest Banks
Maynard Classrooms (Roosevelt School)	Mrs. Helen DeCoste Miss Anne Derby

School Calendar 1952-1953

Reopening of schools, January 2, 1952

Winter recess, February 18-22

Spring recess, April 14-18

Memorial Day, May 30

Close of School, Grades 1-8, June 6

Close of School, Grades 9-12, June 13

Graduation, June 13

Summer Recess

Reopening of High School, September 3

Reopening of Elementary Schools, September 8

Columbus Day, celebrated October 13

County Convention or Visiting Day, October 31

Armistice Day, November 11

Thanksgiving recess, November 27, 28

Christmas Holidays, December 24 to January 4

Reopening of schools, January 5, 1953

Winter Recess, February 23-27

Spring Recess, April 20-24

Close of School, Grades 1-8, June 5

Close of School, Grades 9-12, June 12

Graduation, June 12

No School Signal — All Schools, All Day

7:00 A.M., Fire Horn 2-2-2-2

7:00-8:00 A.M., WBZ, WEEI

(Either Maynard or Acton No School Signal applies to Acton children who use Maynard rooms)

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

In conjunction with the 1951 school department report, which has been approved by the School Committee, we wish to make the following report.

At the March election, Mrs. Gertrude Tuttle and Mr. Wilson Sked were re-elected and Mr. Dana Hinckley elected as a new member of the School Committee. At the organization meeting Mr. Ernest Simpson was elected chairman and Mrs. Eleanore Hollis clerk. Later Mr. Simpson resigned as he was moving to Belmont. Mr. Leo C. Cunningham was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The special articles, approved at the town meeting, calling for completion of the High School interior decoration and installation of a new heating system in the Centre School were carried out during the summer months.

The school room in the Centre Firehouse is most satisfactory, but by fall of 1952 we must have another classroom and possibly two. We trust the town will give much thought to future facilities.

Six new teachers joined our faculty in the fall. Only two of these replacements were made because of higher salary offered elsewhere.

The committee has revised the salary schedule to be effective in September. We feel that an increased minimum and maximum with other incentive pay are steps in the right direction.

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

MARION C. REED,

Chairman

Received — To Credit of Schools

State Aid for Transportation (cost above \$5 per pupil)	\$ 3,080.00
State Aid for Public Schools (approx- imately \$1,000 per teacher)	29,712.73
Tuition — State Wards	1,158.58
Tuition — City of Boston Wards	854.48
Tuition — Town of Boxborough	3,245.84
Tuition and Transportation, Town of Westford	534.60
State Aid for Vocational Education	219.98
Micellaneous Collections at High School	18.50
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	\$ 38,824.71

Net Cost of Operation

Appropriated March 1951	\$120,550.00
Transferred October 1951	600.00
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	\$121,150.00
Unexpended balance	1,144.63
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Expended	\$120,005.37
Received to credit of schools	\$ 38,824.71
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	\$ 81,180.66
Less: Cost of New Equipment	\$ 835.30
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Net Cost of Operation	\$ 80,345.36

Expended For Operation in 1951

	High	Elementary	Total
Salaries	\$48,769.16	\$46,920.19	\$95,689.35
Fuel	1,835.09	1,989.30	3,824.39
Books and Supplies	1,819.96	2,031.15	3,851.11
Transportation	4,180.00	4,180.00	8,360.00
Power, Repairs, Rent, Misc.	2,659.00	4,399.07	7,058.07
Libraries	74.86	21.39	96.25
Health	161.70	129.20	290.90
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Gross cost of Operation	\$59,499.77	\$59,670.30	\$119,170.07
Gross cost per high school pupil (245)	\$242.85		
Gross cost per elementary school pupil (391)		\$152.61	
Gross cost per pupils (636)			\$187.37
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Gross cost of Operation (as above)	\$59,499.77	\$59,670.30	\$119,170.07
Less Receipts (except \$219.98			
State Aid for Vocational Tui-			
tion)	\$20,628.99	\$17,975.74	\$38,604.73
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Net Cost of Operation	\$38,870.78	\$41,694.56	\$80,565.34
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Net cost per high school pupil (245)	\$158.65		
Net cost per elementary school pupils (391)		\$106.63	
Net cost per pupil (636)			\$126.67
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Net Cost of Operation			\$80,565.34
Less State Aid for Vocational Tuition			219.98
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			\$80,345.36
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Proposed Budget for 1952

Item	Explanation	Amount
56	Salaries	\$110,000.00
57	Fuel	4,500.00
58	Books and Supplies	5,800.00
59	Transportation	8,500.00
60	Tuition (see special article)	
61	Power, Rent, Repairs, Misc.	7,100.00
62	Capital Outlay—permanent equipment	1,200.00
63	Library	100.00
64	Health	500.00
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Total		\$137,700.00

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Acton,
Massachusetts:

Herewith is presented my fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for Acton. The topical form of report which was inaugurated last year will be used as it makes for easier reading and easier reference.

TEACHING STAFF

1. A revised salary schedule to be effective in September, 1952 has been established which will include a merit-rating incentive provision, recognition of experience, training, and special duties, and extra compensation for in-service training.

2. Acton lost several teachers to other systems at the end of the 1950-51 school year. Social Studies Instructor Albert Koch was engaged by the Darien, Connecticut system, Art Supervisor Gregory Bowes went to the newly formed Wachuset Regional School District, Miss Mary Lynch of the South School Fourth Grade accepted a position in her home town of Shrewsbury, and Mrs. Anne Welch became a member of the Berlin school faculty. Lt. John Winton, who made an outstanding record in his first year as Physical Education Supervisor and Coach, was called to active duty by the Army, and was granted a leave of absence by the local school committee.

3. New teachers who joined the Acton system in the fall were: Mrs. Katherine Matsen, South School Fifth Grade; Miss Joan Dwane, Center School Third Grade; Mrs. Patricia Nordberg, West School First Grade; Mr. Raymond Grey, High School Social Studies; Miss Carol Spaulding, Art Supervisor; and Mr. Joseph Sheehan, Boys Physical Education Supervisor.

ADMINISTRATION

1. In recognition of the continuing threat to our national security, a civil defense procedure to be followed in case of an air raid while the schools were in session was established.

2. Cooperation with Educational Service Associates, engaged by the Town to conduct a survey of local population trends and building needs, throughout the summer and fall. Members of the Senior Class carried out a thorough census of all pre-school children, as well as of those already in school, to obtain data for the special school survey and regular school department reports.

MAINTENANCE

1. The redecoration of the High School interior, authorized by a Special Article for \$1000.00 in the 1951 Warrant, was completed satisfactorily by a local firm for \$620.00.

2. The Center School heating plant was replaced under a Special Article in the 1951 Warrant, and this has solved what was the perennial "Center School heating problem". \$6000.00 was appropriated for this purpose, and the work was done by a local heating engineer for \$5800.00.

3. The extra hot water boiler and radiators at the South School were moved to the West School during the 1951 Christmas holidays, to provide extra heat for the western side of that building. With the completion of this project all the school buildings have enough heating plant capacity to cope with the combination of strong winds and low temperatures.

HOUSING

1. The system continued to use the two rooms rented from Maynard for the West and South Second Grades, and the Center Church Sunday School room for the First Grade in that village.

2. Cooperation with the Fire Department and authorization by a Special Town Meeting made it possible to provide a room suitable for school use in the new fire house at the Center. Adequate lighting, heating, exit, and toilet facilities have made this classroom one of the best in Acton, and its

use by the school department has not interfered in any way with the activities of the fire department.

3. The establishment of a new Fourth Grade for South Acton and a new Remedial Class at the elementary level to serve the entire system pose special housing problems which will have to be solved by September 1952. Possible locations include the Town Hall, West Acton Fire House, and the small assembly room at the Center Fire House.

4. The 69 page "Report of the School Building Survey of the Acton Public Schools" prepared by the Educational Service Associates covers the local school housing situation very thoroughly, and it should be studied by all who are concerned with Acton's shortage of educational facilities. The tide of rising grade school enrollment which reaches the Fourth Grade in the fall plus more overcrowding at the high school in September, may make it necessary for a "two-platoon system" to be used at either the primary or the secondary school levels in the near future.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Acton school authorities helped to relieve the crowded conditions at the Blanchard Memorial School in Boxborough, by taking the Boxborough Eighth Grade students in addition to those in Grades 9 to 12. This did not materially affect the overcrowding at the high school as the Eighth Grade had a relatively small enrollment.

2. An athletic injury insurance plan, sponsored by the New England Secondary School Principal's Association, was put into effect during the year, and the majority of the high school students took advantage of the financial benefits provided for a \$1.00 premium. To date several have recovered for medical care as a result of minor injuries, and a substantial part of the gross premium has returned to Acton in the form of benefits.

3. Establishment of a part-time Remedial Class which has been operated on an experimental basis by Mrs. John Foley, a graduate of Bridgewater Teachers' College. Through

the medium of this class, pupils who have reading and arithmetic difficulties which could not be corrected by ordinary teaching methods, have had the benefit of an educational "trouble-shooting" service, and the results have been satisfactory to date. Present plans call for this class to be placed on a full time basis in the fall.

The year ahead will be a year of decision for Acton, for during 1952 our townspeople will have to formulate far-reaching plans which will affect the educational future of a generation yet unborn, as well as those youngsters now in the system and those of pre-school age. After eleven consecutive years of record-breaking birth rate, climaxed by the nearly four million babies born in 1951, educational authorities anticipate that the nation's schools will need over half a million more classrooms and teachers by 1960, and only those communities which do adequate long-range planning now will have satisfactory school facilities ready for America's post Pearl Harbor tide of children.

The interest, understanding, and professional knowledge possessed by our fine School Department staff and the cooperation of the Acton School Committee members have combined to resolve the short-range problems which have arisen during the past year, and I am sure that a continuation of this teamwork effectively supported by the townspeople could result in satisfactory solution of Acton's long-range school problems.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITMAN PEARSON

Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS OF THE ACTON FACULTY

HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Professional Training	Subjects
WILLIAM O'CONNELL Vice-Principal	Boston University Boston University	Arithmetic Business Training
ALPHONSE ALMINAS	Suffolk Law School Boston University Boston University	Business Law English Civics
CARL BOWMAN	Fitchburg Teachers College Boston University	Physics, Biology Chemistry
MARY EMERSON	University of New Hampshire	Cafeteria Home Economics
DOROTHY FERRY	Radcliffe College	English
EDWARD FERRY	Middlebury College Syracuse University	History Geography
RAYMOND GREY	Tufts College Tufts College	English, History Civics
JOHN HAYNES	Boston University Boston University	Mathematics Civics
EVELYN KNOWLTON	Bradford Junior College	Cafeteria
RUTH PROCTOR	Radcliffe College	English, French Spanish

Name	Professional Training	Subject
JACQUELINE ROBERTS	Salem Teachers College	BS in Ed Commercial Subjects
JOSEPH SHEEHAN	Boston University	BS in Ed Physical Education Coaching
RALPH STETSON	Massachusetts School of Art Northeastern University	Industrial Arts Driver Training
MARION TOWNE Dean of Girls	Smith College	AB English Orientation

SOUTH SCHOOL

Name	Professional Training	Grade
JULIA McCARTHY Principal	Fitchburg Normal School	III
HELEN DeCOSTE	The Lesley School	II
JESSIE GEMMA	Fitchburg Normal School	VI
KATHERINE MATSEN	Smith College	V
FLORENCE MERRIAM	Fitchburg Normal School	I

WEST SCHOOL

CAROLYN DOUGLAS Principal	Fitchburg Teachers College	BS in Ed VI
ANNE DERBY	Lesley College	BS in Ed II

Name	Professional Training	Grade
CATHERINE EVANS	Bates College	AB IV
JOANNE McLAUGHLIN	Regis College	AB III
PATRICIA NORDBERG	Fitchburg Normal School	I
CENTER SCHOOL		
DARDANA BERRY Principal	Framingham Teachers College	V
MARGARET BARRETT	Lowell Teachers College	II
RAMONA DAVIS	Boston University	AB VI
JOAN DWANE	Emmanuel College	AB III
CELINA MacLEAN	Perry Normal School	I
ALL SCHOOLS		
IRENE COSTELLO	Bridgewater Teachers College	BS in Ed Physical Education
JOHN PRISKE	Truro College	AB Music
CAROL SPAULDING	New England Conservatory	MS
WHITMAN PEARSON	Massachusetts School of Art	BS in Ed Art
	University of Pennsylvania	BS in Econ
	Boston University	MS in Ed

REPORT OF ACTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Acton Athletic Association started the 1951-1952 year with the election of officers. Richard Rhodes was elected President and Edna Nichols, Secretary-Treasurer. Each of the six home rooms had two representatives which comprised a total committee of fourteen students. The first objective was to raise funds for the current year. This was accomplished by three main money-raising events: the annual dance, the magazine drive, and the sale of Christmas cards. The magazine drive broke all records, as gross sales totaled \$1243.30, making a net profit of \$337.31; the net profit on the A. A. dance amounted to \$40.00; while profits of \$80.00 were gained from the sale of Christmas cards.

Although our activities gained more money than in previous years, our expenses also increased. Our cleaning bill alone was over \$250.00. We purchased new basketball jerseys for the Varsity Team with the old jerseys being turned over to the Junior High Team.

Acton, as in the past five years, has been a member of the Wachusett League, which has now increased to twelve teams. This League is divided into two sections—Eastern-Western Division—six teams comprising each league. Acton won the Eastern title in 1951 and then defeated Townsend to win the championship of the Wachusett League. The basketball team won another trophy when they gained the championship of the Eastern Massachusetts Small School Tourney. The Acton team was further honored by being invited to the Eastern Massachusetts School Tournament (the old Tech Tourney), to which only the very top teams are invited.

The Soccer Team this year was very successful winning six games and losing only two. Both of these two losses were by one goal. Mr. Joseph Sheehan, the former Captain of the Boston University Basketball Team, was selected to succeed Mr. Winton as head coach and director of Physical Education. Mr. Winton, who did such an outstanding job in his first year at Acton, was called into the Armed Forces as he holds a reserve commission. Miss Irene Costello is Coach of all girls' sports and the Physical Education program for girls in the elementary and high schools.

The Junior High School Teams which we started a few years ago have been very successful, as many of these boys and girls have won places on the Varsity Teams. We have arranged a ten game schedule for both boys and girls on the Junior High level.

I would like to thank all the people in town for the magnificent help they have given me in improving our athletic program: including Mr. Pearson, members of the faculty, the School Committee, and especially to the newly formed "Booster Club". The Booster Club did a tremendous amount of work last spring in raising funds in order that the Basketball Squad might take an educational tour of New York City. They also presented wrist watches to the Varsity team and gave a wonderful banquet to the members of the Squad. I again would like to thank the Booster Club for their grand support.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O'CONNELL

Faculty Manager

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. Whitman Pearson
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Pearson:

I herewith submit my annual report as school physician.

The usual physical examinations of all school children were completed in October.

Special examinations were given early in the year to those students participating in competitive athletics.

Parents were notified of all defects found and remedial measures advised where indicated.

In conjunction with the Board of Health, Schick Tests and inoculations of Diphtheria Toxoid were given to the children of the lower grades and pre-school children. This was done at the High School this year because of our scattered classrooms. Transportation was excellent.

I wish to thank the superintendent, townspeople, teachers, and school nurse for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL P. GATES, M.D.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Whitman Pearson
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Report for school year ending December 31, 1951.

Communicable diseases are fast becoming less, and colds are of shorter duration with the advent of the new drugs.

Pre-School clinics were held in the three villages early in May, allowing ample time for parents to have children's defects found to be corrected before the fall term and before the Diphtheria Clinic. Diphtheria Clinics were held at the High School this year to help overcome congestion at the grade schools.

The usual School Physical Examinations were completed in November, and notices were sent to parents where necessary.

The ever increasing school population adds to all this work in numbers and time and increased follow-up work.

Again may I express my gratitude to all those who have so cheerfully cooperated.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN F. TAYLOR, R.N.

AGE AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

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GRADUATION, JUNE 15, 1951

Acton Center Woman's Club Scholarship

Mary Amanda Starbuck

Acton High School Scholarship

Wilhelmina Knippel

School of Practical Arts Scholarship

Carol Edwin Spinney

National Scholastic Honor Society Members

Evelyn Sofie Andersen

Mary Amanda Starbuck

Marilyn Moore

Barbara-Jeanne Holbrook

Wilhelmina Knippel

Clare Elizabeth Linscott

Nancy Lee (Class of 1952)

Susanne Mellor (Class of 1952)

Nancy Winslow (Class of 1952)

Edwards-Quimby Post, American Legion Medals

To the best all around boy and girl in the senior class
as judged for scholarship, loyalty, and achievement.

Janice Rae Teele

Harry Burton Morse

Washington and Franklin History Medal

Awarded by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of
the American Revolution for excellence in the study of
United States History.

Suzanne Mellor (Class of 1952)

Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award Medal

For achieving the highest scholastic record in science.

Mary Amanda Starbuck

Rensselaer Medal for excellence in Science and Mathematics

James George Daricek

Reader's Digest Association Valedictorian Award

Barbara-Jeanne Holbrook

Acton Parent-Teacher Association Scholarship

Sarah Kathryn Jewell

West Acton Woman's Club Scholarship

Clare Elizabeth Linscott

Boston Rotary Club Basketball Championship Shield

Harry Burton Morse, Captain Acton High School, Eastern
Small Schools Championship Team.

CLASS OF 1951

Evelyn Sofie Andersen

Phyllis Jean Andersen

Richard Bruce Barnhart

Julia-Ellen Barry

Ruth Eleanor Beach

Richard Calhoun Brewster

Richard Paul Bursaw

John McLane Campbell

James George Daricek

Carroll Moore Feltus

Joanne Marie Flerra

Wilfred Arthur Fraser

Robert William Hayes

Barbara-Jeanne Holbrook

Sarah Kathryn Jewell

Patricia Ann Johnson

Joan Marie Joyce

Wilhelmina Knippel

Harold Morey Laffin

Marilyn Irene LeDuke

Clare Elizabeth Linscott

Dianne Nancy Manter

Joyce Merriam

Dorothy Joycelyn Morong

Marilyn Moore

Harry Burton Morse

Warren Henry Morse

Douglas Gordon Poland

Thomas William Rooney

Barbara Johanne Schou

Carol Edwin Spinney

Mary Amanda Starbuck

Janice Rae Teele

Joan Frances Tucker

Clare Virginia Mary Wait

Bernard Augustine Walther

Janet Bryce Wilson

William James Wilkshire

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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SEVERAL OFFICIAL BOARDS **ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

1952 ANNUAL REPORTS

of the Several Official Boards

For the Year Ending December Thirty-First



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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Adjustments in wages and salaries, the granting of paid vacations and the extension of services have contributed to budget increases for 1953. On the whole, the Finance Committee has been impressed by the efforts of the Selectmen and the School Committee (together representing approximately 75% of the budget) in their efforts to administer the affairs of their offices in an economical manner. Mindful of the school construction program upon which we have embarked, the various departments have endeavored to keep their expenses at a minimum.

The school budget has increased, largely due to the estimated operating costs of the new elementary school now under construction. The Board of Public Welfare now is operating within a Welfare District in conjunction with the Towns of Carlisle and Bedford. The administration is by a competent, trained agent and continued operating efficiencies should be realized.

Once again, there has been some spending in excess of appropriation. Attention is called to Chapter 44 Section 31, as amended by 1946 Chapter 358 Section 23 and by 1949 Chapter 138, which in substance provides that no department financed by municipal revenue shall incur a liability in excess of appropriation.

This year the Finance Committee expended practically its entire Reserve Fund in what we believe to be unforeseen and necessary expenses. We think, however, that it is better for the various departments to know this Reserve Fund is available when necessary rather than increase their miscellaneous budget.

Following are the transfers from the Reserve Fund:

Board of Health — Salaries	\$1,100.00
Board of Health — Expense	1,619.72
Disability Assistance	1,200.00
Liability Assistance — Article 36 ...	113.58
Workmen's Compensation	185.58
Aid to Dependent Children	300.00
Tax Collector — Expense	75.00
Elections and Registration — Salaries	116.00
Elections and Registration — Expense	14.00
Fire Department — Expense	530.01
Treasurer — Expense	387.20
School Department — Book Expense .	200.00
Selectmen — Wages	32.70
Moderator	20.00
Town Clerk — Expense	41.00
Police Department — Expense	65.00
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	\$5,999.79

In addition, the Town has some unpaid bills which must be carried over into the 1953 Town Meeting for payment. Despite this, the Finance Committee does not feel that it will be necessary to increase the Reserve Fund.

The Finance Committee would like to thank all Boards and Committees for their cooperation during the past year and particularly the Fire Department for the use of the Center firehouse for meetings.

ALBERT S. COOK
BRADFORD S. LEACH
NORMAN MCINTOSH
HERBERT W. MERRIAM
ROBERT F. CHARLES — Chairman
JOHN M. WHITTIER — Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, to wit:

Precinct 1—Town Hall, Acton Center

Precinct 2—Congregational Church, South Acton

Precinct 3—Woman's Club House, West Acton

at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the second day of March, 1953, by posting a copy of this warrant, by you attested, at each of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at least before the second day of March.

To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers: Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, collector of taxes, one selectman for three years; one assessor for three years; one member of the board of public welfare for three years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of the school committee for two years (to fill vacancy); one member of the board of health for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for three years; and a tree warden.

And also to vote on the following question:

"Shall the town accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a regional school district, together with the town of Littleton, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional school by said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the selectmen?"

Yes ☐

No ☐

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock P.M.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton as aforesaid, to meet at the TOWN HALL in said Acton on Monday, March 9, 1953 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.
Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix the salary and compensation of all the elective officers of the town.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers and boards, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

It is recommended that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the Town as follows:

Item	Recommended 1953	Expended 1952
General Government 3.8% of Total		
1 Moderator	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
2 Finance Committee Expense .	75.00	35.25
3 Selectmen's Dept. Salaries —		
Wages	3,684.00	3,007.70
4 Expenses	200.00	560.32

5	Town Accountant Salary—		
	Wages	1,100.00	1,000.00
6	Expenses	100.00	174.88
7	Treasurer Salary—Wages	1,100.00	1,000.00
8	Expenses	350.00	733.39
9	Tax Collector Salary—Wages	1,800.00	1,800.00
10	Expenses	300.00	332.75
11	Assessors' Salaries—Wages ..	3,750.00	2,772.25
12	Expenses	300.00	197.72
13	Town Clerk Salary—Fees	550.00	550.00
14	Expenses	200.00	241.00
15	Elections & Registrations,		
	Salaries—Wages	780.00	1,466.95
16	Expenses	540.00	688.15
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17	Total General Government ...	\$14,884.00	\$14,615.36

Buildings and Grounds 2.2% of Total

18	Bldgs. & Grounds Salaries—		
	Wages	3,100.00	2,499.35
19	Expenses	5,525.00	4,087.11
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20	Total Buildings and Grounds .	\$ 8,625.00	\$ 6,586.46

Protection of Persons and Property 11.0% of Total

21	Police Salaries and Wages	13,418.00	11,174.90
22	Expenses, including Cruiser operation and uniforms	2,550.00	2,313.36
23	Fire Dept. Salaries—Wages ...	6,180.00	5,458.45
24	Expenses	4,343.00	3,590.01
25	Fire Alarm System Salaries—		
	Wages	3,820.00	1,285.48
26	Expenses	1,050.00	423.56
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	4,775.00	4,505.00
28	Sealer Wgts. & Measures Sala- ries—Wages	250.00	250.00
29	Expenses	50.00	33.73

30	Moth Dept. Salaries—Wages ..	1,500.00	1,499.85
31	Expenses	1,200.00	1,198.84
32	Tree Warden Salary—Wages	1,500.00	1,748.93
33	Expenses	1,000.00	899.83
34	Wire Inspector, Salary & Travel	650.00	550.00
35	Expenses	50.00	50.00
36	Dog Officer	450.00	450.00
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37	Total Protection	\$42,786.00	\$35,431.94

Health and Sanitation 3.3% of Total

38	Board of Health Salaries—		
	Wages	\$ 50.00	\$ 6,746.08
39	Expenses	225.00	4,060.72
40	Town and School Nurse	2,865.00	—
41	Expenses	700.00	—
42	Board of Health Agent—Salary	200.00	—
43	Expenses	450.00	—
44	Inspector, Milk & Food—Salary	150.00	—
45	Expenses	250.00	—
46	Custodian—Town Dump—		
	Salary	1,850.00	—
47	Expenses	600.00	—
48	State Sanitorium	2,500.00	—
49	Medical Supplies	150.00	—
50	School Clinic	300.00	—
51	Substitute Nurse	200.00	—
52	Garbage Collection	2,250.00	2,200.00
53	Inspector of Animals	150.00	150.00
54	Expenses	25.00	12.20
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55	Total Health and Sanitation ..	\$12,915.00	\$13,169.00

Highways 8.6% of Total

56	Village Highways	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,994.88
57	Chapt. 81 Highways	8,550.00	8,550.00
58	Chapt. 90 Highways	2,000.00	4,000.00

59	Snow Removal	12,000.00	13,854.17
60	Traffic Signs—Lines	500.00	498.81
61	Granite Marker Restoration ..	500.00	—
62	Highway Vacations	700.00	—
63	Street Lighting	6,160.00	5,722.48
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64	Total Highways	\$33,410.00	\$35,620.34

Charities 13.7% of Total

65	Welfare District Administration		
	Welfare Board Salaries	\$ 950.00	\$ 600.00
66	General Relief	3,000.00	3,640.17
67	Old-Age Assistance	41,000.00	41,000.00
68	Aid to Dependent Children ...	5,000.00	6,000.00
69	Disability Assistance	3,500.00	2,922.40
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70	Total Charities	\$53,450.00	\$54,162.57

Veterans' Aid 1.6% of Total

71	Veterans' Benefits Salary—		
	Wages	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
72	Expenses	150.00	112.00
73	Veterans' Benefits Expendi- tures	5,000.00	4,892.00
74	Veterans' Services Salary —		
	Wages	1,050.00	810.75
75	Expenses	50.00	42.12
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76	Total Veterans' Aid	\$6,400.00	\$6,006.87

Education 43.2% of Total

77	Instruction	\$115,170.00	—
78	Textbooks and Supplies	6,780.00	\$ 5,986.24
79	Plant Operation	\$22,550.00	—
80	Maintenance	1,000.00	—
81	Auxiliary Agencies	11,520.00	—

82	General Control	8,700.00	—
83	Outlay	1,750.00	1,197.90
84	Contingency Fund	500.00	—
	Balance		131,815.86
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85	Total Education	\$167,970.00	\$139,000.00 (Appropriated)

Libraries .8% of Total

86	Libraries Salaries and Wages .	\$1,600.00	\$1,471.50
87	Expense	980.00	945.93
88	Books	600.00	400.00
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89	Total Libraries	\$3,180.00	\$2,817.43
	Recreation .5% of Total		
90	Playgrounds—both fields	\$1,500.00	\$ 995.98
91	Skating Rink	500.00	—
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92	Total Recreation	\$2,000.00	\$ 995.98

Cemeteries 2.8% of Total

93	Cemeteries Salaries — Wages (inc. vacations)	\$8,500.00	\$7,300.00
94	Expenses	2,300.00	2,097.03
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95	Total Cemeteries	\$10,800.00	\$9,397.03

Unclassified 2.9% of Total

96	Town Reports	\$1,100.00	\$ 905.80
97	Workmen's Compensation	2,300.00	1,935.58
98	Surety Bonds	600.00	478.00
99	Town Counsel (Legal Services)	500.00	—
100	Fire Insurance—Town Bldgs. .	2,700.00	2,830.77
101	Memorial Day	500.00	499.75
102	Pension Fund	1,859.00	1,689.00
103	Pension Fund Expense	130.00	153.00

104	Military Service Fund	41.00	32.16
105	Miscellaneous	1,500.00	482.81
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106	Total Unclassified	\$11,230.00	\$9,006.87
Maturing Debt and Interest 5.6% of Total			
107	Maturing Debt (Elem. and High Schools)	\$16,000.00	\$1,000.00
108	Interest (Elem. and High Schools)	5,875.00	90.00
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109	Total Debt and Interest	\$21,875.00	\$1,090.00
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110	Total Budget	\$339,655.00	\$327,899.85

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

This is the same amount approved by the Town for 1952.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to continue the Special School Lunch Account, according to the provisions of Chapter 417 of the Acts of 1950, or take any action thereon.

The amount requested is the same as appropriated in 1952.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the installation of new

lighting fixtures in two rooms at the West School, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that \$1,000 be appropriated and transferred from the Surplus Revenue account for the purpose indicated.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

This is a routine bookkeeping transfer and should be approved.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$2,400.00 for the purchase of a Mist Blower for the Moth Department, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee favors this article in the expectation that acquisition of a Mist Blower would permit more efficient utilization of materials for dormant spray applications, result in more effective spray coverage, reduce labor cost, and eliminate the necessity of purchasing an Hydraulic Sprayer which would otherwise be needed.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended. Appropriations for similar purposes in recent years have already resulted in effective

control of ivy and reduced highway brush ordinarily cut by hand.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949, or act anything thereon.

Appropriation of such control purposes is mandatory by the State.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for thinning out of hardwood trees in the Town Forest, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended. The State Forester considers that such work will reduce hazard of fire and also improve the quality of the present stand.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee believes that the costs of this program should be sustained by outside subscription and should not become a responsibility of the taxpayers.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the purchase and erection of traffic zone speed signs on Main Street from Route 2A to the Carlisle Line; also on Concord Road from Main Street to Route 2A; and on Nagog Hill Road between Main Street and Concord Road, or act anything thereon.

The money requested is to complete the third of a four-year program and approval is recommended.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Protection for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies covering loss of life, total disability, weekly indemnity and medical expense coverage, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee considers that Fire Company personnel deserve the protection to be afforded under this article and favor its approval.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Machinery Fund, the sum of \$6,500.00 for the purchase of a truck for the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, or some other sum, to be set aside as a Fire Apparatus Depreciation Fund, or act anything thereon.

Inasmuch as the Town will soon be faced with the necessity of replacing three major pieces of fire equipment, the Finance Committee favors the setting aside of funds which will shortly be required. It believes the amount requested should be transferred from Surplus Revenue and placed on deposit at interest until required.

Article 20. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 from the Cemetery Land Fund for the purpose of clearing, grading and laying out new sections for cemetery lots in Woodlawn Cemetery, and to authorize said Cemetery Commissioners to do anything necessary, proper and expedient for carrying out the above purposes, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for new construction of Main Street from Kelley's Corner to Acton Center; said money to be used in conjunction with \$4,000.00 to be allotted by the County, and \$8,000.00 to be allotted by the State, or act anything thereon.

This appropriation is to be utilized for further improving Route 27 and approval is recommended.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,150.00, or any other sum, for the extension of the Fire Alarm System from Massachusetts Avenue up Charter Road to Hayward Road, then easterly along Hayward Road to the Rex factory; also for the purchase and installation of ten Fire Alarm Boxes on existing circuits, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$600.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old cruiser, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee favors the transfer of \$600 from Surplus Revenue for this purpose which is in conformity with a sound replacement policy.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00, or any other sum, for the painting of the exterior of the West Acton Fire House, or act anything thereon.

The transfer of \$600 from Surplus Revenue is recommended.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of two or more radios and alternators for the Fire Department, or act anything thereon.

The transfer of \$1,650 from Surplus Revenue for the radios and alternators is recommended.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of an air compressor for the Cemetery Department and authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to trade-in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote under authority of Chapter 41, Section 81A of the General Laws, to establish a Planning Board to consist of not less than five members and not more than nine; the terms of office to be so arranged that the term of at least one member will expire each year, and their successors shall be elected for terms of five years each, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee considers that the establishment of a Planning Board would be advantageous to the Town.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as the Planning Board under Chapter 41, General Laws, Section 81A; until such time as an official Planning Board is elected at a subsequent annual meeting; or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that this article be approved.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to amend Section two (2) of the Town By-Laws by adding the following articles, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. Every way that shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, shall be laid out forty feet or more in width, with twenty-four feet or more of approved road building materials that shall meet the requirements of the Planning Board.

Article 12. If an existing private way shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, such way shall not be accepted unless and until the Planning Board shall have certified in writing that such way meets the requirements of Article 11.

The Finance Committee believes it to be to the best interest of the Town that the by-laws be amended as requested under this article.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen, of the remainder of Orchard Drive extending in a northerly direction a distance of approximately 675 feet by land of Mercier, Jackson, Nash, Thiebold, Lund, Benson, and others, a plan of which is filed in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Orchard Drive, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for surfacing the same, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing eleven (11) signatures.)

Inasmuch as there is no present provision for the proposed betterments being assessed against the owners, the Finance Committee does not favor acceptance of this article unless the abutting owners assume their proportionate share of the entire costs, including surfacing, of laying out the way in accordance with the requirements set forth in the proposed amendment to Section 2 of the Town By-Laws as described under Article 30 above.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of a road in South Acton, extending in an easterly direction from Piper Road, a distance of approximately 725 feet by land of Ringland, Gale, Hickey, Pond, Stevens and others, a plan of which is filed in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Lilac Court, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for surfacing the same, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing eleven (11) signatures.)

The recommendation is the same as made under the preceding article.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of a road in West Acton, extending in an easterly and northerly direction from Central Street, a distance of approximately 1250 feet by land of Doyle, Modica, Grancey, Sinnott, Howe, Sisson, and others, a plan of which is on file in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Mohawk Drive, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for surfacing the same, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing eleven (11) signatures.)

The recommendation is the same as made under Article 31.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to amend Section Two (2) of the Town By-Laws by adding the following article thereto:

Article 13. All regular and permanent employees of the several departments of the Town shall be granted vacations without loss of pay and the Board of Selectmen may grant sick leaves and additional days off to said regular and permanent employees without loss of pay, in accordance with Section 21A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 5 of Chapter 798

of the Acts of 1951.
or act anything thereon.

This amendment, extending benefits previously granted to other employees, is recommended for approval.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property, caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Subsection 1, as amended, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a spreader body for sanding highways, or act anything thereon.

Transfer of \$1,500 from Surplus Revenue for this purpose is recommended.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for survey work in connection with surface drainage on parts of Central Street; School Street, West Acton; and Arlington Street, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the printing of the Zoning Code and maps for the Zoning Committee, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee of five members to be appointed by the moderator, Chairman of the Finance Board, and Chairman of the School Committee to investigate and recommend additional school facilities and report to the next special or regular town meeting, or act anything thereon.

No recommendation is considered necessary.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the committee appointed under Article 39, or act anything thereon.

In view of the considerable number of recent school surveys and reports already paid for by the Town, the Finance Committee believes that further appropriations for such purposes are unwarranted at the present time.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00, the gift from the Trustees of the Blanchard Foundation, for the purpose of constructing a combined auditorium and gymnasium, said building to be known as "The Blanchard Auditorium", to be built on land already acquired by the town on the northeast corner of Mass. Avenue and Charter Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

It is recommended that this article receive favorable action.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a combined auditorium and gymnasium and for originally equipping and furnishing said auditorium, said building to be known as "The Blanchard Auditorium"; determine whether the money shall be provided for by transfer from available funds and by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and by appropriation of a gift of \$150,000.00

from the Trustees of the Blanchard Foundation, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee does not favor this article and believes that its recommendation under the preceding article is sufficient at the present time.

Article 43. To see if the town will authorize the auditorium and gymnasium building committee to exercise full power to bind the town in all manner of contracts and agreements necessary for the construction, equipment and furnishing of The Blanchard Auditorium, or take any action thereto.

It is recommended that the Auditorium and Gymnasium Building Committee be authorized as requested within the appropriation of \$150,000 provided for in Article 41 above.

Article 44. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for unpaid bills as follows:

\$455.60 for Old Age Assistance for the year 1951
58.90 for General Relief for the year 1951
144.50 for Fees for the Town Clerk for the year 1952
44.23 for Expenses of the Town Clerk for the year 1952
50.00 for Town Clerk as Clerk of Registrars for the year
1952

\$753.23

or act anything thereon.

Payment of these bills from the 1953 tax levy is recommended.

Article 45. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that \$3,000 be raised and appropriated and \$3,000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue to be used as a Reserve Fund.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this ninth day of February, 1953.

LAWRENCE DONNELLY

GEORGE S. BRAMAN

ARTHUR W. LEE

Selectmen of Acton

A true copy.

Attest: MICHAEL E. FOLEY,

Constable of Acton.

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JANUARY 21, 1952**

Article 1. To hear and accept the report of the Special School Building Committee, or act anything thereon.

**Report of the Special School Building
Committee**

SUBMITTED JANUARY 21, 1952

This report is submitted to the Town of Acton in the belief that it provides a reasonable solution to our school housing problems at a minimum cost to the town.

In accordance with Article 48 of the annual town meeting of March 12, 1951, this committee retained Educational Service Associates of Medford to make a school population survey of Acton. It was hoped that this study would substantiate the population estimates made by this committee in the autumn of 1950, thereby enabling the town to secure state assistance in the construction of a local high school.

The results, however, indicated that the probable population of a four year high school would average 294 or 39 less than the average 333, estimated by this committee for the 4 year period, September 1960 to June 1964, inclusive.

Representatives of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission have stated that Acton can expect no state aid for a local High School on the basis of these figures.

The survey report came to a number of conclusions dealing with the relation of their population study and the development of the regional school system. One of which is quoted herewith as in it your committee sees real common sense. "#7 Acton should not take any action which will commit the Town to a policy contrary to regionalization." To this conclusion your committee, for the present, subscribes.

The Educational Service Associates made two recommendations which are pertinent to the present stage of development of the Acton School system.

They recommend that Acton participate in the development of a regional high school district with neighboring communities. In their report they admitted that for the present this plan could not be carried out, so they put greater priority on a recommendation for "Acton to build an eight room unit adjacent to or integrated with the present high school building and use it to house elementary grades."

Your committee feels that this latter recommendation made the basis of real progress in that it would alleviate pressure where it has been felt first, in the elementary grades; yet it does not commit the town to a policy contrary to regionalization. An eight room unit would relieve the situation only until September of 1953 which is the earliest date upon which you could expect the building to be ready for occupancy.

In a recent meeting with the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission this fact was pointed out, and the administrator for the Commission stated that if justification could be shown for additional classrooms, he would recommend to the commissioners that state aid be granted for the new unit if it were to house only elementary grades.

Acton's long range school plans should comprise two major steps; (1) the construction of an elementary school of sufficient size to relieve present over-crowded conditions; and (2) the construction of a new High School, either Regional or Local. Simultaneously the town should convert the present High School into a grade school and close the village schools.

Based on this plan and a study of the population figures in the survey and consultation with the School Committee and Mr. Pearson on the utilization of the space proposed; the Special School Building Committee recommends; (1) that the Town of Acton construct as rapidly as possible an elementary school unit with a minimum of 12 classrooms; (2) that the Town authorize the committee to continue immediately the study of High School Building problems both from local and regional aspects.

Estimates for such a unit have been secured from S. W. Haynes Associates of Fitchburg, based on current contract awards for comparable schools.

Building cost	\$450,000.00
Equipment, architects fees, Engineering, landscaping, Cost of land and miscellaneous expenses	125,000.00

Estimated Total Cost	\$575,000.00
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The \$40,000 requested in Article 2 of tonight's Town Meeting is included in this figure of \$575,000 and is not in addition thereto. The break down and specific uses for this money are estimated as follows:

Architectural and engineering fees for drawing plans and specifications	\$ 18,000.00
Land purchase	13,070.00
Contingencies—Test borings, contour surveys, site development, legal expenses, advertising for bids and miscellaneous expenses	8,930.00

Total	\$ 40,000.00
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It should be noted that this is a very rough estimate, prices are changing by the week and actual cost can only be determined when the bids are opened.

Rough Financing Estimate

Total Cost	\$575,000.00
Approximate State Aid	185,000.00

Amt. to be financed by town	\$390,000.00
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Finance Plan A—Entire amount financed by a 20 year bond issue and state aid of \$185,000.00.

Town must raise in first year at 2% int.	\$ 11,500.00
plus principal payment	19,500.00

Total	\$ 31,000.00
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This represents tax rate increase of \$6.73.

Finance Plan B—Raise \$20,000.00 by taxation in 1952 and transfer \$20,000.00 from surplus revenue in 1952.

Town must raise interest by taxation in first	
payment on bond issue	10,700.00
plus principal payment	17,500.00
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Total	\$ 28,200.00

This represents a tax increase of \$6.13.

Reduction of interest charges reduces this tax increase at a rate of 12c on a \$1,000 valuation a year. In simple language, the first year cost for the home owner with \$4,000 assessed valuation would be about \$25.00 and, through the lowering of interest charges, this gradually reduces to an average cost of about \$14.00 in the 19th and 20th years.

Even these estimates may be too high as they make no allowance for the increased valuations on new construction in the town which may be considerable.

The plan of action set forth in this report is, in the eyes of your committee, the most practical solution to the school housing problem, and we ask for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

CARL A. CHRISTOFFERSON

THOMAS MOTLEY, 2nd

MARION C. REED

PORTER G. JENKS

Voted: That the report be accepted.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Special School Building Committee appointed under Article 37 at the Annual Town Meeting, March 13, 1950 from five members to a total of seven members and to authorize the Building Committee to engage an architect to prepare drawings and specifications for an elementary school building, advertise for bids and to develop a site for said school building, said Committee to report to the Town at a Special Town Meeting to be called after bids for the construction of said school building are opened; and to see if the Town

will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000; \$20,000 of said sum to be raised by taxation and \$20,000 to be appropriated from available funds, said total sum to be expended (1) by the Building Committee for the achitectural and engineering fees necessary to provide plans and specifications for said school building, expenses necessary to develop the School site, advertise for bids for constructing said building, and other expenses necessary to acquire and develop the site preparatory to constructing a school building thereon, and (2) by the Board of Selectmen for the acquisition of the seven (7) parcels of land described in Articles 3 and 4, or act anything thereon.

Motion 1:

I move that the Special School Building Committee be increased from five members to a total of seven members and that the Moderator be instructed to appoint said members, upon nomination by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion 2:

That the Special School Building Committee be instructed to engage an architect to prepare preliminary plans and sketches for an elementary school building, develop a site for said school building and to report to the Town at a special town meeting to be called as soon as possible after said preliminary plans and sketches have been completed.

Motion 3:

That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000; said sum to be expended by the Building Committee for the above purposes and by the Board of Selectmen for the acquisition of land as a site for said school building as described in Articles 3 and 4.

Voted by ballot.

Tellers appointed and sworn by Moderator:

Ormal S. Laffin
Theron A. Lowden
Medville L. Clark
Walter B. Stevens
Allen G. Moody
Carl R. Godfrey

Total Vote	277
Yes	165
No	112

Motion did not prevail. The motion required a two-thirds vote.

Article 3. To see whether the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire for the Town for school purposes the several parcels of land shown as parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on a plan by Horace F. Tuttle, dated January 4, 1952, to be filed with the School Planning Committee and in the office of the Town Clerk.

Parcel 1. Containing 0.8 of an acre belonging to Helen A. Knowlton, Jessie L. Knowlton and Evelyn A. Knowlton is bounded Northeasterly by land of Warner 406.3 feet, Southerly by land of Warner 338.75 feet and Northwesterly by other land of said Knowltons 297.7 feet.

Parcel 2. Containing 2.8 acres now or formerly belonging to Harry F. Warner is bounded Northerly by Parcel 1 being land of Helen A. Knowlton et. al. 338.75 feet, Easterly by other land of Warner 490.0 feet, Southerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 520.18 feet and Westerly by land of Warner 294.3 feet.

Parcel 3. Containing 16.7 acres belonging to Harry F. Warner is bounded Northerly by land of Helen A. Knowlton et. al. 324 feet, Northerly by land of Heirs of Grace Hall and William C. Kazokas et. ux. 688.7 feet, Easterly by said Kazokas land 364 feet, Northerly again by said Kazokas land 65 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 522 feet, Southerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 760.8 feet and Westerly by Parcel 2, land of Warner 490 feet, Westerly by Parcel 1, land of Helen A. Knowlton et. al. 406.3 feet.

Parcel 4. Containing 0.7 of an acre belonging to William C. Kazokas and Jennie A. Kazokas is bounded

Northerly by said Kazokas land 102 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 384 feet, Southerly by Parcel 3, land of Warner 65 feet and Westerly by Parcel 3, land of Warner 364 feet.

Parcel 5. Containing 1.2 acres belonging to James W. Baker and Marian B. Baker is bounded Easterly by Charter Road 400 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 270 feet, Northwesterly by Parcel 6, land of Josephine E. Sebastian 410 feet.

Parcel 6. Containing 4.6 acres belonging to Josephine E. Sebastian is bounded Northerly by Parcel 3, land of Warner 550.81 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 80 feet, Southeasterly by Parcel 5, land of James W. Baker et. ux. 410 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 405.86 feet and Westerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 315 feet.

or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 4. To see whether the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire for the Town for school purposes, a certain parcel of land shown as Parcel No. 7 on a plan by Horace F. Tuttle, dated January 4, 1952, to be filed with the School Planning Committee and in the office of the Town Clerk.

Parcel 7. Said parcel belongs to Josephine E. Sebastian and is bounded Northerly by land of Harry F. Warner 210 feet, Easterly by other land of said Sebastian 315 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 156 feet, Westerly by other land of said Sebastian 194.5 feet, and Southerly again by other land of said Sebastian 63 feet, containing 0.9 of an acre.

or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to provide classroom space in the upstairs of the Town Hall for the School Department, or act anything

thereon. (Inserted in warrant by request of School Committee.)

Motion:

Move to instruct the Board of Selectmen to provide classroom space in the upstairs of the Town Hall for the School Department.

Motion did not prevail.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee pertain to the applicable articles considered at the Town Meeting on January 21, 1952:

Article 2

There is ample evidence of the need for additional school-room facilities, and whatever course of action is eventually adopted to satisfy such needs will inevitably be reflected in a substantially higher tax rate. Our recommendations are necessarily limited to the fiscal considerations which would be involved from action under this article.

Under Chapter 798 of the Acts of 1951, Section 7, the Director of Accounts of the Department of Corporations and Taxations must certify as of January first as to the actual amount of "Free Cash" which can be utilized by the Town during the ensuing twelve months. The Commissioner of the Department of Corporations has publicly stated that an appropriation cannot properly be made from Surplus Revenue until such certification has been made to the assessors. If such interpretation holds, any transfer presently voted from Surplus Revenue would be improper.

In respect to the two amounts of \$20,000 each referred to in this article, there is no assurance that the expenditure of such money would be followed by the construction of actual facilities. Our opinion is supported by previous experience in Acton and by recent action in other communities. It is our opinion that before expenditures for plans and related engineering are authorized, that the Town definitely express its intention to construct a building for a specific use. We therefore cannot favor the expenditure of any money under this article for purposes which do not have a reasonable probability of acceptance and ratification by the voters.

It has not been possible to carefully analyze the effect of the proposed construction on the tax rate. However, it appears reasonable to expect that an average of between \$7 and \$10 would be added annually to the tax rate for interest at 3 per cent and amortization of principal over a twenty-year period, dependent on whether the contemplated structure might be eight or twelve rooms.

No figures have been submitted which would permit an estimate of what additional annual operating costs would be incurred with a new building. It is believed that such costs would be sufficiently large to merit consideration in any long-range program.

It is reasonable to expect that substantially all of the capital cost relating to any school construction must be reflected directly in the tax rate. If at any time the Surplus Revenue account could furnish an appreciable amount of money, it would seem prudent to utilize such funds in a more rapid amortization of outstanding bonds. There is no present indication that additional taxable property in the Town will furnish any assistance in reducing the impact of increased school costs.

In conclusion, we recommend that an article be prepared by the Special School Building Committee so that the citizens may express their wishes in respect to the construction of a new elementary school structure.

Article 5

The Finance Committee does not favor the use of the Town Hall for school classroom purposes. There has been no indication of what costs would be incurred for adapting the building for such use. They would obviously involve new equipment, partitions, new toilets and additional cess-pool maintenance.

There are other serious considerations inasmuch as the use of the building would probably have to be denied to organizations which presently utilize its facilities. Furthermore, the building is not under the jurisdiction of the School Committee, and the mingling of small children with people who might normally enter a public building poses a problem which no reasonable amount of expenditure could be expected to correct.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 10, 1952

Article 1. (Officers) To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix the salary and compensation of all the elective officers of the town.

Chose: Grace O. Lears trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose: Herbert Merriam trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: James B. Wilson trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: Horace F. Tuttle trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for one evening and twenty-five dollars for two evenings for the annual town meeting and ten dollars for each special meeting.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen be four hundred dollars per annum and the other members three hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be one thousand dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Tax Collector be one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salaries of the Assessors be two thousand five hundred dollars in the aggregate per annum to be apportioned as they may determine.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be four hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Tree Warden be fixed at \$1.35 per hour plus 75 cents per hour for use of a truck.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum; the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum and that the Board of Public Welfare be authorized to appoint one of its members as agent at a salary of \$50.00 per month until such time as the provisions of Chapter 117 or Chapter 118 (b) of the General Laws shall become effective.

Article 2. (Reports) To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers and boards, act anything thereon.

Voted: To lay Article 2 on the table and take up Article 7.

Voted: To accept the several reports of the town officers as printed.

Voted: To discharge the following town committees.

The Special School Building Committee

The Playground Site Committee

The Fire House Committee

The Insurance Committee

The Regional School District Planning Board

Voted: To extend to the above committees a vote of thanks for donating so generously of their time and effort to the town.

Article 3. (Reports) To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 4. (Welfare District) To see if the town will vote to form a Public Welfare District together with the towns of Bedford and Carlisle, or either of them, under the provisions of Chapter 117 or Chapter 118 (b) of the General Laws, said District to become effective April 1, 1952, and to continue until such time as the town may, subject to one year's notification, decide to withdraw, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To form a Public Welfare District together with the towns of Bedford and Carlisle, or either of them, under the provisions of Chapter 117 or Chapter 118 (b) of the General Laws, said District to become effective April 1, 1952, and to continue until such time as the town may, subject to one year's notification, decide to withdraw.

Article 5. (Welfare District) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 to defray the cost of administration and salaries of personnel for the administration of a public welfare district, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 to defray the cost of administration and salaries of personnel for the administration of a public welfare district.

Article 6. (Expenses) To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the town as follows:

General Government

1	Moderator	\$	35.00
2	Finance Committee Expenses		75.00

3	Selectmen's Dept. Salaries &	
	Wages	2,975.00
4	Expenses	700.00
5	Town Accountant Salary & Wages	1,000.00
6	Expenses	175.00
7	Treasurer Salary and Wages	1,000.00
8	Expenses	350.00
9	Collector Salary and Wages	1,800.00
10	Expenses	300.00
11	Assessors Salaries and Wages	2,850.00
12	Expenses	400.00
13	Town Clerk Salary & Fees	550.00
14	Expenses	200.00
15	Elections & Registrations Salaries & Wages	1,351.00
16	Expenses	675.00
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17	Total General Government	\$ 14,436.00

Buildings and Grounds

18	Buildings & Grounds Salaries &	
	Wages	3,200.00
19	Expenses	4,700.00
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20	Total Buildings & Grounds	7,900.00

Protection of Persons and Property

21	Police, Salaries & Wages	11,230.00
22	Expenses, Including Cruiser & uniforms	2,250.00
23	Fire Department Salaries & Wages	4,030.00
24	Expenses	3,060.00
25	Fire Alarm System Labor	2,700.00
26	Expenses	600.00
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	4,700.00
28	Forest Fires	2,000.00

29	Sealer Wgts. & Measures Salary & Wages	250.00
30	Expenses	50.00
31	Moth Dept. Salaries & Wages	1,500.00
32	Expenses	1,200.00
33	Tree Warden Salary & Wages ...	1,750.00
34	Expenses	750.00
35	Wire Inspector, Salary & Travel	550.00
36	Expenses	50.00
37	Dog Officer	450.00
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38	Total Protection	\$ 37,120.00

Health and Sanitation

39	Board of Health Salary & Wages .	4,614.00
40	Expenses	2,446.00
41	Garbage Collection	2,300.00
42	Inspection of Animals	150.00
43	Expenses	25.00
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44	Total Health & Sanitation	\$ 9,535.00

Highways

45	Village Highways	3,000.00
46	Chapter 81 Highways	8,550.00
47	Chapter 90 Highways	1,000.00
48	Snow Removal	15,000.00
49	Street Lighting	6,000.00
50	Traffic Signs and Lines	500.00
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51	Total Highways	\$ 34,050.00

Charities

52	Welfare Dept. Adm.	600.00
53	Expenditure (Temporary Aid) ..	4,350.00
54	Old Age Expenditure	41,000.00

55	Aid Dep. Children Expenditure ..	6,000.00	
55A	Disabled Allowance	1,500.00	
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56	Total Charities		\$ 53,450.00

Veterans Aid

57	Veterans Benefits Salary & Wages	150.00	
58	Expenses	150.00	
59	Expenditures	5,000.00	
60	Veterans Service Salary & Wages	1,050.00	
61	Expenses	50.00	
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62	Total Veterans Aid		\$ 6,400.00

Education

63	Schools, Salary & Wages	110,000.00	
64	Fuel	4,500.00	
65	Books and Supplies	5,800.00	
66	Transportation	8,500.00	
67	Tuition		
68	Supplies, Power, Rent, Repair, Misc.	7,100.00	
69	Outlay	1,200.00	
70	Library	100.00	
71	Health	500.00	
72	Expenses		
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73	Total Education		\$137,700.00

Libraries

74	Libraries Salaries & Wages	1,500.00	
75	Expenses	1,030.00	
76	Books	400.00	
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77	Total Libraries		\$ 2,930.00

Recreation

78	Playgrounds	2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
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Unclassified

79	Misc. Expenses, High School Ins.	1,600.00	
80	Town Reports	1,000.00	
81	Workmen's Compensation	1,750.00	
82	Surety Bonds	600.00	
83	Pension Fund	1,689.00	
84	Expense Fund	153.00	
84A	Military Service Fund	33.00	
85	Memorial Day	500.00	
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86	Total Unclassified		\$ 7,325.00

Cemeteries

87	Cemeteries Salary & Wages	7,300.00	
88.	Expenses	2,100.00	
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89	Total Cemeteries		\$ 9,400.00

Maturing Debt & Interest

90	Maturing Debt	1,000.00	
91	Interest	225.00	
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92	Total Debt & Interest		\$ 1,225.00

Total Budget			<hr/>
			\$323,671.00

Special Articles

Art.	5	Welfare District	2,800.00
Art.	7	School Building	5,000.00
Art.	11	Vocational Tuition & Trans.	2,000.00
Art.	12	Physical Education & Athletics	500.00

Art. 14	Special School Lunch Account	200.00
Art. 16	Replacement of Shade Trees	250.00
Art. 17	Main St. New Const...	3,000.00
Art. 19	Snow Fence	200.00
Art. 20	Eradication of Poison Ivy	1,000.00
Art. 21	Dutch Elm Disease ...	1,000.00
Art. 22	Town Forest	250.00
Art. 23	Motion Picture Projector	500.00
Art. 24	Fire Alarm System (Batteries)	300.00
Art. 27	Fire Alarm System (West Acton)	2,500.00
Art. 29	Laurel Court	400.00
Art. 34	Insurance (Town Buildings)	3,000.00
Art. 36	Insurance (Indemnity)	750.00
Art. 37	Two-way Radio (Emergency Truck)	550.00
Art. 38	Traffic Speed Signs ...	1,000.00
Art. 40	Reserve Fund	3,000.00

Total to be raised and appropriated under Special Articles.	\$ 28,200.00
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Total Voted to be raised and appropriated	\$351,871.00
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Transfers

Art. 7	School Building	5,000.00
Art. 15	Machinery Account ..	2,500.00
Art. 18	New Cruiser Police Department	500.00
Art. 25	Chapter 81 Maintenance State	15,675.00
Art. 25	Chapter 90 Maintenance State	1,000.00

Art. 25	Chapter 90 Maintenance County	1,000.00
Art. 25	New Construction State	6,000.00
Art. 25.	New Construction County	3,000.00
Art. 26	Air Compressor So. Acton Fire House	550.00
Art. 28	Fire Hose	1,750.00
Art. 30	Trimmer & Power Mower (Cemetery)	550.00
Art. 31	Lowering Device (Cemetery)	500.00
Art. 35	Power Mower (Town Common)	300.00
Art. 40	Reserve Fund	3,000.00
Total Transfers		<hr/> \$ 41,325.00
Grand Total		<hr/> \$393,196.00

Article 7. (School Land) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or by right of eminent domain the following described parcels of land for school purposes:

Parcel 1. Containing 0.8 of an acre belonging to Helen A. Knowlton, Jessie L. Knowlton and Evelyn A. Knowlton is bounded Northeasterly by land of Warner 406.3 feet, Southerly by land of Warner 338.75 feet and Northwesterly by other land of said Knowltons 297.7 feet.

Parcel 2. Containing 2.8 acres now or formerly belonging to Harry F. Warner is bounded Northerly by Parcel 1 being land of Helen A. Knowlton et. al. 338.75 feet, Easterly by other land of Warner 490.0 feet, Southerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 520.18 feet and Westerly by land of Warner 294.3 feet.

Parcel 3. Containing 16.7 acres belonging to Harry F. Warner is bounded Northerly by land of Helen A. Knowlton et. al. 324 feet, Northerly by land of Heirs of

Grace Hall and William C. Kazokas et. ux. 688.7 feet, Easterly by said Kazokas land 364 feet, Northerly again by said Kazokas land 65 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 522 feet, Southerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 760.8 feet and Westerly by Parcel 2, land of Warner 490 feet, Westerly by Parcel 1, land of Helen A. Knowlton et. al. 406.3 feet.

Parcel 4. Containing 0.7 of an acre belonging to William C. Kazokas and Jennie A. Kazokas is bounded Northerly by said Kazokas land 102 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 384 feet, Southerly by Parcel 3, land of Warner 65 feet and Westerly by Parcel 3, land of Warner 364 feet.

Parcel 5. Containing 1.2 acres belonging to James W. Baker and Marian B. Baker is bounded Easterly by Charter Road 400 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 270 feet, Northwesterly by Parcel 6, land of Josephine Sebastian 410 feet.

Parcel 6. Containing 4.6 acres belonging to Josephine E. Sebastian is bounded Northerly by Parcel 3, land of Warner 550.81 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 80 feet, Southeasterly by Parcel 5, land of James W. Baker et. ux. 410 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 405.86 feet and Westerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 315 feet.

Parcel 7. Said parcel belongs to Josephine E. Sebastian and is bounded Northerly by land of Harry F. Warner 210 feet, Easterly by other land of said Sebastian 315 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 156 feet, Westerly by other land of said Sebastian 194.5 feet and Southerly again by other land of said Sebastian 63 feet, containing 0.9 of an acre.

and to construct and originally equip and furnish an elementary school building; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, and by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the

Acts of 1948 as last amended by Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1951, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for constructing and originally equipping and furnishing an eight-room elementary school unit, and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$5000.00 shall be raised in the 1952 tax levy, the sum of \$5000.00 shall be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Fund, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow \$90,000 under the authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and the sum of \$200,000 under the authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as last amended by Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1951, and to issue bonds or notes of the town thereof, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty (20) years from the date of issue of the first bond or note.

March 8, 1952, West Acton, Massachusetts

To the Selectmen and
The School Building Committee of
The Town of Acton, Massachusetts

To further the general welfare of the Town of Acton, and to benefit all its citizens, we would sincerely appreciate the opportunity of contributing to the Town a sum, not to exceed \$150,000.00, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a combined Auditorium and Gymnasium, both for the use of the school system, and to serve, as well, any needs of the citizens for a community building. This offer is to be effective on and after July 1, 1952, and is contingent upon its acceptance prior to December 31, 1952, and valid only, upon the start of construction by the Town of a new school building integrated with, or adjacent to, the present High School.

The sole conditions we wish to attach to this are: That such an Auditorium be erected on land to be purchased and owned by the Town, bounded on the South by Massachusetts

Avenue, and on the East by Charter Road, as both streets are now laid out; that no other building or buildings be erected between such Auditorium and Massachusetts Avenue; that the Architects for this building be S. W. Haynes and Associates of Fitchburg, Massachusetts; that the building be built of bricks of equal quality to those used in the present High School; and that the building be named "The Blanchard Auditorium".

Should the citizens of the Town care to accept our offer, and will take the necessary steps to consummate their part, we will gladly fulfill our obligation hereunder at any time between July 1, 1952 and December 31, 1952.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR F. BLANCHARD

WEBSTER S. BLANCHARD

HAZEL G. BLANCHARD

Trustees of The Blanchard Foundation

Voted Unanimously: The following resolution: The people of Acton, assembled on March 10, 1952 for their Annual Meeting, have learned with deep interest and appreciation of your kindly and generous offer.

It is indeed inspiring to know that among us, humble friends and neighbors, dwell those who give so bountifully toward the benefit and welfare of all our citizens.

We intend to exert our efforts toward the early completion of Blanchard Auditorium in order that it may be a living daily inspiration to all of us, and serve as a special reminder to our youth of the opportunities available under our American way of life.

Voted: To instruct the town clerk to send two copies of the above Resolution to The Blanchard Foundation.

March 22, 1952

To The Blanchard Foundation
West Acton, Mass.

In accordance with the instructions voted at the annual town meeting March 10, 1952.

I herewith transmit to you copies of the following Resolution.

Voted Unanimously: The following resolution

The people of Acton, assembled on March 10, 1952 for their Annual Meeting, have learned with deep interest and appreciation of your kindly and generous offer.

It is indeed inspiring to know that among us, humble friends and neighbors, dwell those who give so bountifully toward the benefit and welfare of all our citizens.

We intend to exert our efforts toward the early completion of Blanchard Auditorium in order that it may be a living daily inspiration to all of us, and serve as a special reminder to our youth of the opportunities available under our American way of life.

Voted: To instruct the town clerk to send two copies of the above Resolution to The Blanchard Foundation.

Respectfully yours,

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

Article 8. (School Building Committee) To see if the town will vote to provide that the committee appointed under Article 37 of the warrant for the town meeting held March 13, 1950, with two additional members to be appointed by the moderator, be designated a school building committee with full authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish the elementary school building.

Motion: It is moved that a committee of seven members, consisting of Medville Clark, Philip Newell, Lowell

Cram, Ormal Laffin, Alden Flagg, Jr., Carl Christofferson, and one member to be elected by the School Committee from among its members, shall be appointed by the Moderator who shall fill any subsequent vacancies, to be designated as the Elementary School Building Committee with full authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish the elementary school building and complete necessary grading.

Moderator ruled the motion illegal.

Above motion by John M. Whittier.

Motion: Under Article 8 this meeting will accept as a legal motion Mr. Whittier's original motion relative to the appointment of seven members of a new committee, as named, by the Moderator.

O. E. KIENOW

Witness Carl A. Schontag

Moderator ruled the motion illegal.

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 9. (School Building Committee) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Special School Building Committee, for employing a competent person or persons for the sole purpose of drawing plans, specifications and estimated costs for enlargements or additions to the Acton Center School, the South Acton School, and the West Acton School, said enlargements or additions to become a part of each school. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing twelve (12) signatures.)

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 10. (School Building Committee) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Special School Building Committee, for employing a competent person or persons for the sole purpose of

drawing plans, specifications and estimated costs for enlargements or additions to the present Acton High School, said enlargements or additions to become a part of the High School itself. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing twelve (12) signatures.)

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 11. (Vocational Tuition) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws.

Article 12. (School) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department, according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department, according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws.

Article 13. (School) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department, according to the provisions of Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1950, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing thirteen (13) signatures.)

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 14. (School Lunch) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to continue the special School Lunch account, according to the provisions

of Chapter 417 of the Acts of 1950, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to continue the special School Lunch Account, according to the provisions of Chapter 417 of the Acts of 1950.

Article 15. (Machinery Fund) To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Article 16. (Trees) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees.

Article 17. (Construction, Main Street) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for new construction of Main Street from the Carlisle line to the State Road in North Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with \$4,500.00 to be allotted by the County and \$9,000.00 to be allotted by the State, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for new construction of Main Street from the Carlisle line to the State Road in North Acton; said money to be used in conjunction with \$3,000.00 to be allotted by the County and \$6,000.00 to be allotted by the State.

Article 18. (Police Cruiser) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$500.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old cruiser, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old cruiser.

Article 19. (Snow Fence) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of snow fence, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of snow fence.

Article 20. (Poison Ivy) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds.

Article 21. (Dutch Elm Disease) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949.

Article 22. (Town Forest) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the cutting of fire lanes and other work in the Town Forest, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the cutting of fire lanes and other work in the Town Forest.

Article 23. (Motion Picture Projector) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to purchase a 16 m.m. sound motion picture projector and screen to be kept in the custody of the school authorities and to be available for the use of the School, Fire and other Town Departments and local Civil Defense, Veterans, Church, Scout, and other civic organizations, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to purchase a 16 m.m. sound motion picture projector and screen to be kept in the custody of the school authorities and to be available for the use of the School, Fire and other Town Departments and local Civil Defense, Veterans, Church, Scout, and other civic organizations.

Article 24. (Fire Alarm System) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purchase of batteries for the fire alarm system, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purchase of batteries for the fire alarm system.

Article 25. (Highways) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways, under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursements be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$26,675.00 provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account. This sum to be made up as follows:

Chapter 81 Maintenance State	\$15,675.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance State	1,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance County	1,000.00
New Construction State	6,000.00
New Construction County	3,000.00
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	\$26,675.00

Article 26. (Fire Alarm) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$550.00, or some other sum, for the purchase of an air compressor for operating the fire alarm signal at the South Acton Fire House, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$550.00 for the purchase of an air compressor for operating the fire alarm signal at the South Acton Fire House.

Article 27. (Fire Alarm System) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, or any other sum, for the extension of the Fire Alarm System from the West Acton Fire House to Massachusetts Avenue; along Massachusetts Avenue to Wright Terrace; then back along Massachusetts Avenue to Arlington Street; along Arlington Street to Summer Street; along Summer Street to Willow Street; along Willow Street to Central Street; along Central Street to Massachusetts Avenue and then back to the Fire House; also from the corner of High Street and Main Street, South Acton, along Main Street to Pine Street and then back along Main Street to High Street; install six or more fire alarm boxes, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the extension of the Fire Alarm System from the West Acton Fire House to Massachusetts Avenue; along Massachusetts Avenue to Wright Terrace; then back along Massachusetts Avenue to Arlington Street; along Arlington Street to Summer Street; along Summer Street to Willow Street; along Willow Street to Central Street; along Central Street to Massachusetts Avenue and then back to the Fire House; also from the corner of High Street and Main Street, South Acton, along Main Street to Pine Street and then back along Main Street to High Street; install six of more fire alarm boxes.

Article 28. (Fire Hose) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum

of \$1,750.00, or some other sum, for the purchase of 1000 feet of 2½ inch fire hose, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$1,750.00 for the purchase of 1000 feet of 2½ inch fire hose.

Article 29. (Laurel Court) To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen, of a road in South Acton, extending in an easterly direction from Piper Road, a distance of approximately 450 feet by land of Harrington, Firth, Lane, Rankin, Williams, and others, a plan of which is filed in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Laurel Court, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for surfacing the same, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen, of a road in South Acton, extending in an easterly direction from Piper Road, a distance of approximately 450 feet by land of Harrington, Firth, Lane, Rankin, Williams, and others, a plan of which is filed in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Laurel Court.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for surfacing the above said way Laurel Court.

Article 30. (Cemetery Dept.) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$550.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of an electric generating set, trimmer, and a power mower for the Cemetery Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$550.00 for the purchase of an electric generating set, trimmer, and a power mower for the Cemetery Department.

Article 31. (Lowering Device) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the

sum of \$500.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a Lowering Device and Grass Set for the Cemetery Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of a Lowering Device and Grass Set for the Cemetery Department.

Article 32. (Cemetery Land) To see if the town of Acton will authorize the Selectmen thereof to convey by suitable deed to Fred L. Robbins and George W. Larrabee of said Acton, and their heirs and assignees, a right of way for the purpose of passing and repassing, upon such terms and conditions for the enjoyment thereof as the Selectmen may determine, through Woodlawn Cemetery, as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Such conveyance of the aforesaid right of way to be in partial consideration of the grant by said Fred L. Robbins and Chester B. Robbins of a parcel of land to the town of Acton, free and clear of any right of way, and without any reservation therein in favor of said Fred L. Robbins and George W. Larrabee to be purchased from Fred L. Robbins and Chester B. Robbins by the town for the purpose of adding and extending said Cemetery, or to take any action relating thereto.

Voted: To authorize the Selectmen thereof to convey by suitable deed to Fred L. Robbins and George W. Larrabee of said Acton and their heirs and assignees, a right of way for the purpose of passing and repassing, upon such terms and conditions for the enjoyment thereof as the Selectmen may determine, through Woodlawn Cemetery, as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Such conveyance of the aforesaid right of way to be in partial consideration of the grant by said Fred L. Robbins and Chester B. Robbins of a parcel of land to the town of Acton, free and clear of any right of way, and without any reservation therein in favor of said Fred L. Robbins and George W. Larrabee to be purchased from Fred L. Robbins and Chester B. Robbins by the town for the purpose of adding and extending said Cemetery.

Article 33. (Plumbing Code) To see if the town will vote to adopt a modified plumbing code as suggested by the Acton Board of Health and so inserted by the Board in the weekly newspaper "The Beacon" week of October 31, 1951, or act anything thereon and incorporate same into the Town By-Laws. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing twelve (12) signatures.)

Voted: To pass over the Article.

Article 34 (Insurance) To see what action the town wishes to take in regard to insuring Town Buildings and to see what sums of money shall be raised and appropriated, or act anything thereon. (Inserted by the town building insurance committee.)

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the insuring of all town buildings.

Article 35. (Power Mower) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$300.00 for the purchase of a power mower for the town common and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate \$300.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of a power mower for the town common and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in or sell the old one.

Article 36. (Insurance) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Subsection 1, as amended, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property, caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Subsection 1, as amended.

Article 37. (Radio for Emergency Truck) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00, or some other sum, for the purchase of a two-way radio to be installed in the Emergency truck, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 for the purchase of a two-way radio to be installed in the Emergency truck.

Article 38. (Traffic Signs) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase and erection of traffic zone speed signs for Central Street from Main Street, South Acton to the Acton-Boxboro line, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase and erection of traffic zone speed signs for Central Street from Main Street, South Acton to the Acton-Boxboro line.

Article 39. (Dangerous Buildings) To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Chapter 139 of the General Laws relative to disposal of burnt or dangerous buildings, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the provisions of Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Chapter 139 of the General Laws relative to disposal of burnt or dangerous buildings.

Article 40. (Reserve Fund) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$3,000.00 to be used as a Reserve Fund.

Voted: To adjourn at 11:35 P.M.

Number of Voters present 458.

A true copy:

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 19, 1952, 8:00 P.M.

Article 1. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or any other sum for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or by eminent domain or by both methods, all or any of the following described parcels of land for public use including in such use the erection of public buildings as shall be voted by the town and a combined auditorium and gymnasium upon the acceptance of the offer of the Trustees of the Blanchard Foundation reading as follows:

To further the general welfare of the Town of Acton, and to benefit all its citizens, we would sincerely appreciate the opportunity of contributing to the Town a sum, not to exceed \$150,000.00, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a combined Auditorium and Gymnasium, both for the use of the school system, and to serve, as well, any needs of the citizens for a community building. This offer is to be effective on and after July 1, 1952, and is contingent upon its acceptance prior to December 31, 1952, and valid only, upon the start of construction by the Town of a new school building integrated with, or adjacent to, the present High School.

The sole conditions we wish to attach to this are: That such an Auditorium be erected on land to be purchased and owned by the Town, bounded on the South by Massachusetts Avenue, and on the East by Charter Road, as both streets are now laid out; that no other building or buildings be erected between such Auditorium and Massachusetts Avenue; that the Architects for this building be S. W. Haynes and Associates of Fitchburg, Massachusetts; that the building be built of bricks of equal quality to those used in the present High School; and that the building be named "The Blanchard Auditorium."

Should the citizens of the Town care to accept our offer, and will take the necessary steps to consummate their part, we will gladly fulfill our obligation hereunder

at any time between July 1, 1952 and December 31, 1952.
to wit:

Parcel 1. Containing 16.7 acres belonging to Harry F. Warner is bounded Northerly by land of Helen A. Knowlton et al 324 feet, Northerly by land of Heirs of Grace Hall and William C. Kazokas et ux 688.7 feet, Easterly by said Kazokas land 364 feet, Northerly again by said Kazokas land 65 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 522 feet, Southerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 760.8 feet and Westerly by land of Warner 490 feet, Westerly by land of Helen A. Knowlton et al 406.3 feet.

Parcel 2. Containing 0.7 of an acre belonging to William C. Kazokas and Jennie A. Kazokas is bounded Northerly by said Kazokas land 102 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 384 feet, Southerly by land of Warner 65 feet and Westerly by land of Warner 364 feet.

Parcel 3. Containing 1.2 acres belonging to James W. Baker and Marian B. Baker is bounded Easterly by Charter Road 400 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 270 feet, Northwesterly by land of Josephine Sebastian 410 feet.

Parcel 4. Containing 4.6 acres belonging to Josephine E. Sebastian is bounded Northerly by land of Warner 550.81 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 80 feet, Southeasterly by land of James W. Baker et ux 410 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 405.86 feet and Westerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 315 feet.

Parcel 5. Said parcel belongs to Josephine E. Sebastian and is bounded Northerly by land of Harry F. Warner 210 feet, Easterly by other land of said Sebastian 315 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 156 feet, Westerly by other land of said Sebastian 194.5 feet and Scutherly again by other land of said Sebastian 63 feet, containing 0.9 of an acre.

and to determine whether the money shall be raised by taxation or by appropriation of available funds in the treasury or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted Unanimously: That the Board of Selectmen be instructed to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain proceedings or by both methods, all of the following described parcels of land for public use, including in such use the erection of public buildings as shall be voted by the Town and a combined auditorium and gymnasium offered by the Trustees of the Blanchard Foundation in a letter dated March 8, 1952, and addressed to The Selectmen and The School Building Committee, which reads as follows:

To further the general welfare of the Town of Acton, and to benefit all its citizens, we would sincerely appreciate the opportunity of contributing to the Town a sum, not to exceed \$150,000.00, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a combined Auditorium and Gymnasium, both for the use of the school system, and to serve, as well, any needs of the citizens for a community building. This offer is to be effective on and after July 1, 1952, and is contingent upon its acceptance prior to December 31, 1952, and valid only, upon the start of construction by the Town of a new school building integrated with, or adjacent to, the present High School.

The sole conditions we wish to attach to this are: That such an Auditorium be erected on land to be purchased and owned by the Town, bounded on the South by Massachusetts Avenue, and on the East by Charter Road, as both streets are now laid out; that no other building or buildings be erected between such Auditorium and Massachusetts Avenue; that the Architects for this building be S. W. Haynes and Associates of Fitchburg, Massachusetts; that the building be built of bricks of equal quality to those used in the present High School; and that the building be named "The Blanchard Auditorium."

Should the citizens of the Town care to accept our offer, and will take necessary steps to consummate their part, we will gladly fulfill our obligation hereunder at any time between July 1, 1952 and December 31, 1952.

to wit:

Parcel 1. Containing 16.7 acres belonging to Harry F. Warner is bounded Northerly by land of Helen A. Knowlton et al 324 feet, Northerly by land of Heirs of Grace Hall and William C. Kazokas et ux 688.7 feet, Easterly by said Kazokas land 364 feet, Northerly again by said Kazokas land 65 feet, Easterly by Charter Road 522 feet, Southerly by land of Josephine E. Sebastian 760.8 feet and Westerly by land of Warner 490 feet, Westerly by land of Helen A. Knowlton et al 406.3 feet.

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Parcel 5. Said parcel belongs to Josephine E. Sebastian and is bounded Northerly by land of Harry F. Warner 210 feet, Easterly by other land of said Sebastian 315 feet, Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 156 feet, Westerly by other land of said Sebastian 194.5 feet and Southerly again by other land of said Sebastian 63 feet, containing 0.9 of an acre.

and that the sum of \$15,000.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Voted: That the proceedings under this warrant be temporarily recessed and that we take up and dispose of the warrant called for 8:30 P.M., following which we will

return to consideration of the warrant with which we were originally concerned.

Article 2. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to make further investigation as to the location of an elementary school, its size, cost and the desirability of purchasing land for its erection, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of said committee or take any action thereon.

Voted: That Article 2 be laid on the table and that we take up consideration of Article 4.

Voted: To take Article 2 off the table

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 3. To see what action the town desires to take in relation to the location of the Elementary School Building as now provided for, or take any action thereon.

Voted: That the Elementary School Building now provided for be located adjacent to or integrated with the present High School building, on land east of Charter Road now owned or to be acquired by the Town.

Article 4. To see if the town will appoint an Elementary School Building Committee with full power to bind the Town in all manner of contracts and agreements necessary for the construction, equipment and furnishing of the Elementary School provided for by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting of March 10, 1952 or any other different Elementary School, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted Unanimously: That the Moderator, the chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the School Committee, acting as an appointing committee, be authorized to appoint and to fill vacancies on an Elementary School Building Committee of seven members with full powers to bind the town in all manner of contracts and agreements necessary for the construction, equipment and furnishing of an Elementary School provided for by the town at the Town Meeting of March 10, 1952, and that this com-

mittee report to the town clerk by May 31, 1952. Committee appointed: Edward J. Bursaw, Leo C. Cunningham, Dana B. Hinckley, Porter G. Jenks, Ormal Laffin, Marion C. Reed and Walter B. Stevens.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to create with another town or other towns a regional school district planning board.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint three members of an unpaid board to be known as a regional school district planning board of which one of said three members shall be a member of the Acton School Committee and to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the use of said board.

Voted: That the Town create a special committee to be known as the Regional School District Planning Committee, as provided for in Sections 14, 14A, and 14B of Chapter 71, General Laws now or as subsequently amended, to consist of three members, including one member of the School Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator, to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Selectmen and to raise and appropriate \$500 for expenses. Committee appointed: Robert M. Stow, Thomas Motley 2nd, and Leonard A. Godfrey, Jr.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of \$500 from the estate of Murray Brown to the Acton Memorial Library and to authorize the Trustees of said Library to expend said sum for the purchase of reference books, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept a gift of \$500 from the estate of Murray Brown to the Acton Memorial Library and that

the Trustees of said Library be authorized to expend said sum for the purchase of reference books.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Number of voters checked 335.

At true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee pertain to the applicable articles considered at the Town Meeting on May 19, 1952 at 8:00 P.M.:

Article 1

This article provides for acquiring approximately twenty-four (24) acres of land west of Charter Road, on which would be placed the Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium and such other buildings as the Town may wish. This Article does not provide for accepting the Blanchard offer which cannot be accomplished until after June 30, 1952.

It is important that title to this land be acquired promptly and we recommend that the sum of \$15,000 be raised by taxation for the purchase of all parcels described.

Article 2

The Finance Committee does not favor the expenditure of any money under this Article. It is our opinion that the expenditure of further time and money by another committee for the purposes stated is unnecessary.

A previous committee has presented recommendations and the Town has voted money for an eight-room building. The location and appointment of a Building Committee are provided for in other articles to be considered.

Article 3

No recommendation by the Finance Committee is necessary.

Article 4

The Finance Committee favors the immediate appointment of an Elementary School Building Committee for the purpose of undertaking the responsibilities related to the construction of the elementary school provided for at the Annual Meeting on March 10, 1952.

Article 5

The Finance Committee believes it improper to take favorable action under this Article inasmuch as the last previous formal action by the Town was opposed to such a move.

It is our opinion that the proper opportunity for the Town to express its intentions is available under Article 6.

Article 6

It is recommended that a Regional School District Planning Committee be appointed and that the sum of \$500 be transferred from surplus revenue for its use.

Article 7

It is recommended that this gift be accepted.

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 19, 1952, 8:30 P.M.**

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or by right of eminent domain all or a portion of the following described parcel of land for school purposes including the erection thereon of the school building provided for under Article 7 of the Acton town meeting of March 10, 1952.

Land sometimes referred to as the Kelley Homestead, beginning at the northwestern corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Main Street thence northerly along Main Street, to the estate of George Todd, thence westerly on a line bounded by the properties of George Todd, John F. Coughlin, and William C. Kazokas to Charter Road, thence southerly along Charter Road to land owned by the Town of Acton, thence along town land easterly and then southerly to Massachusetts Avenue thence to the point of beginning, and containing about Thirty Acres of land more or less.

and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or take any action in relation thereto. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing not less than one hundred (100) signatures.)

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be instructed to acquire forthwith by purchase or by eminent domain proceedings all of the following described parcel of land for school purposes.

Land sometimes referred to as the Kelley Homestead, beginning at a stone bound at the northeasterly corner of land owned by the Town of Acton, thence northerly along said Kelley land to a stake at land now or formerly of George Todd, said stake being located at

a point westerly 200 feet more or less from the westerly line of Main Street, thence westerly on a line bounded by the properties of George Todd, John F. Coughlin, and William C. Kazokas to Charter Road, thence southerly along Charter Road to the land owned by the Town of Acton, thence easterly along said town land to the point of beginning, and containing about Twenty Acres of land more or less.

and that the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue for this purpose.

Voted: To take a hand vote.

Tellers appointed and sworn by the Moderator

Walter A. Stevens

Frederick A. Harris

Wm. Henry Soar

Theron A. Lowden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Robert M. Stow

Total Vote Cast	288
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Yes	274
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No	14
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Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee pertain to the applicable articles considered at the Town Meeting on May 19, 1952, at 8:30 P.M.:

Article 1

If the Town desires to locate the new elementary school generally easterly and adjacent to the present High School and believes the acquisition of this land to be desirable from the viewpoint of the future welfare of the Town, the Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of \$15,000 from the Surplus Revenue Fund for this program. The Finance Committee does not favor the purchase of buildings now on this property.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JULY 28, 1952

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of the Blanchard Foundation which reads as follows:

To further the general welfare of the Town of Acton, and to benefit all its citizens, we would sincerely appreciate the opportunity of contributing to the Town a sum, not to exceed \$150,000.00, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a combined Auditorium and Gymnasium, both for the use of the school system, and to serve, as well, any needs of the citizens for a community building. This offer is to be effective on and after July 1, 1952, and is contingent upon its acceptance prior to December 31, 1952, and valid only, upon the start of construction by the Town of a new school building integrated with, or adjacent to, the present High School.

The sole conditions we wish to attach to this are: That such an Auditorium be erected on land to be purchased and owned by the Town, bounded on the South by Massachusetts Avenue, and on the East by Charter Road, as both streets are now laid out; that no other building or buildings be erected between such Auditorium and Massachusetts Avenue; that the Architects for this building be S. W. Haynes and Associates of Fitchburg, Massachusetts; that the building be built of bricks of equal quality to those used in the present High School; and that the building be named "The Blanchard Auditorium."

Should the citizens of the Town care to accept our offer, and will take the necessary steps to consummate their part, we will gladly fulfill our obligation hereunder at any time between July 1, 1952 and December 31, 1952.
or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To accept with thanks the gift of the Blanchard Foundation.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of seven members to act as the Auditorium and Gymnasium Building Committee, instruct said committee to report to the Town at a Special Town Meeting as to the size and cost of said Auditorium and Gymnasium and to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account for use of said committee or act anything thereon.

Voted: That a committee of seven members namely:

Porter G. Jenks
Marion C. Reed
Ormal S. Laffin
Edward J. Bursaw
Leo C. Cunningham
Dana B. Hinckley
Walter B. Stevens

act as the Auditorium and Gymnasium Building Committee and instruct said Committee to report to the Town at a Special Town Meeting as to the size and cost of said Auditorium and Gymnasium and to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account for use of said committee.

July 23, 1952

To the Selectmen of the Town of
Acton, Massachusetts

Since it may be advantageous to the Town of Acton that the contracts for the new elementary school building and the auditorium be let at the same time, we waive the condition in our offer of financial aid in the construction of the auditorium which required that the Town start construction of a new school building integrated with, or adjacent

to, the present high school, prior to the acceptance of our offer.

Very truly yours,

WEBSTER S. BLANCHARD
HAZEL G. BLANCHARD
ARTHUR F. BLANCHARD

Trustees of The Blanchard Foundation.

Finance Committee
Town of Acton
Town Hall
Acton, Massachusetts
July 21, 1952

Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission
88 Broad Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

A special town meeting has been called in Acton on Monday, July 28, 1952, at 8 P.M. for the purpose of acting on the acceptance of a gift of \$150,000 from the Blanchard Foundation for the purpose of "aiding in the construction of a combined Auditorium and Gymnasium, both for the use of the school system, and to serve, as well, any needs of the citizens for a community building." This gift must be accepted between July 1, 1952 and December 31, 1952, and is valid only "upon the start of construction by the Town of a new school building integrated with, or adjacent to, the present high school."

This matter is being referred to the attention of the School Building Assistance Commission in order to determine the extent to which state assistance can be given toward the construction of the proposed Auditorium and Gymnasium. Attached herewith is a copy of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, which contains the complete offer to the Town respecting the gift. It is expected that

if such an essential structure can be added to and integrated with our other school facilities, that it will be placed under the jurisdiction of the School Committee and will be available for our rapidly expanding school needs.

As a result of discussions and studies during the past three years, it now appears as though the requirements of the Town in respect to its school system and organization are nearing realization. Staff members of the School Building Assistance Commission are familiar with the Developments which have taken place and have recently reviewed the plans for the new \$300,000 Elementary School Building, which was approved by the voters in March, 1952. In addition to approving funds for this new Elementary School, the town voted for the appointment of a Regional School Building Study Committee, which would explore the opportunities for constructing High School facilities in cooperation with any neighboring communities.

Although the problem in relation to high school requirements cannot be resolved at least until this new Committee has made its study and report, indications appear favorable that the towns of Acton, Boxboro, and Littleton can coordinate their needs in such a manner as to be eligible for State assistance. There is also considerable reason for believing that any new regional high school facility which might result from the forthcoming discussions with the towns of Boxboro and Littleton might well be located on the 25-acre plot of land which is now being acquired for the proposed Auditorium and Gymnasium.

A new High School will be imperative within approximately five years, and it is hoped that the proposed Auditorium and Gymnasium can be constructed of sufficient size to accomodate the athletic needs of this new High School. Preliminary estimates by the architect (S. W. Haynes and Associates) indicate that a new auditorium-gymnasium with a basketball court, 50' x 84', and capacity of seating 400 people, would cost approximately \$298,000. It is therefore evident that assistance by the State to the extent of 49 per cent would, combined with the money which the Town

of Acton must appropriate, namely \$150,000, defray the total expense of a structure sufficiently large to meet the needs of either a regional or a local high school. If State assistance were to be granted in the amount of 35 per cent of the total cost of a new building, the Town could construct, based on appropriating its \$150,000 gift, a structure, the total cost of which would be approximately \$230,000, which also might be sufficiently large to be satisfactory to the Commission for State Assistance.

Because of the present commitments totalling over \$300,000 for an elementary school and required land, and the inevitable obligations which it must assume in approximately five years for a new high school facility, it is not believed prudent to obligate the Town for additional expense in connection with the proposed new Auditorium and Gymnasium. Consequently, it is hoped that the Commission will be willing to indicate the basis on which State assistance can be granted to the Town of Acton toward the construction of the proposed new building.

This communication is being directed to your attention by the Finance Committee of the Town of Acton by unanimous vote of its members at its meeting held on July 14, 1952. Your favorable consideration of this subject will be greatly appreciated, both by the Committee and by the residents of the Town.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN M. WHITTIER,

Clerk, Finance Committee

Voted: To adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 1952

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$150 from Tree Department Wages to Tree Department Expense, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer the sum of \$150 from Tree Department Wages to Tree Department Expense.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,100 from Board of Health Expenses to Board of Health Salaries, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer the sum of \$1,100 from Board of Health Expenses to Board of Health Salaries.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$600 from General Relief to Disability Allowance, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer the sum of \$600 from General Relief to Disability Allowance.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,600 from such surplus accounts in the School Budget to such deficit accounts in the School Budget as the School Committee may vote, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer the sum of \$1,600 from such surplus accounts in the School Budget to such deficit accounts in the School Budget as the School Committee may vote.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100 from Article 26 of the March 10, 1952 annual meeting, covering the purchase of an Air Compressor, to the Buildings and Grounds appropriation for repairs to West Acton Fire House doors, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer the sum of \$100 from Article 26 of the March 10, 1952 annual meeting, covering the purchase of an Air Compressor, to the Buildings and Grounds appropriation for repairs to West Acton Fire House doors.

Voted to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.

Thirty-two present.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTION, MARCH 3, 1952

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Whole number of ballots cast ..	223	233	318	774

MODERATOR, one year

Albert P. Durkee	206	195	288	689
Scattered	1	1	1	3
Blanks	16	37	29	82

TOWN CLERK, one year

Harlan E. Tuttle	209	217	301	727
Blanks	14	16	17	47

SELECTMAN, three years

George S. Braman	211	205	283	699
Scattered		1	1	2
Blanks	12	27	34	73

ASSESSOR, three years

Carl C. Flint	198	218	293	709
Blanks	25	15	25	65

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, three years

A. Perry Marble	211	202	285	698
Blanks	12	31	33	76

TREASURER, one year

William Henry Soar	207	208	289	704
Blanks	16	25	29	70

COLLECTOR OF TAXES, one year

Ethel A. Davis	201	207	295	703
Scattered		1		1
Blanks	22	25	23	70

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, three years

Leonard A. Godfrey, Jr.	144	127	182	453
Marion C. Reed	108	129	177	414
Wilson D. Sked	150	143	168	461
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	44	67	108	219

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, one year

Leo C. Cunningham	103	137	184	424
H. Calvin Gaebel	107	88	107	302
Blanks	13	8	27	48

CONSTABLES, one year

Edward J. Collins, Jr.	198	201	282	681
Michael Foley	193	210	288	691
T. Frederick S. Kennedy	195	194	280	669
Ivar Peterson	210	199	276	685
Scattered		2		2
Blanks	96	126	146	368

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, three years

Howard F. Jones	206	210	283	699
Blanks	17	23	35	75

BOARD OF HEALTH, three years

O. Lawrence Clark	202	195	275	672
Blanks	21	36	41	98
Scattered		2	2	4

TRUSTEE OF MEMORIAL LIBRARY, three years

Frederick T. Heyliger	154	132	107	393
Katherine M. Kinsley	63	95	206	364
Blanks	6	6	5	17

TREE WARDEN, one year

Franklin H. Charter	209	210	298	717
Scattered	1			1
Blanks	13	23	20	56

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 4, 1952

R. Republican	D. Democratic	P. Pro. Peace Progressive
S. L. Socialist Labor	P. Prohibition	

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Whole number of ballots cast .	640	762	708	2110

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Eisenhower and Nixon, R. . . .	563	597	554	1714
Hallinan and Bass, P. Pro. . . .	0	2	1	3
Hamblen and Holtwick, P.	0	1	0	1
Hass and Emery, S. L.	0	0	0	0
Stevenson and Sparkman, D. . .	69	143	143	355
Blanks	8	19	10	37

GOVERNOR

Paul A. Dever, D.	86	160	136	382
Christian A. Herter, R.	537	581	553	1671
Lawrence Gilfedder, S.L.	1	1	0	2
Florence H. Luscomb, P. Pro. .	0	2	2	4
Guy S. Williams, P.	1	2	5	8
Blanks	15	16	12	43

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Charles F. Jeff Sullivan, D. . . .	74	149	127	350
Sumner G. Whittier, R.	547	591	562	1700
William R. Ferry, P.	2	0	2	4
Francis A. Votano, S. L.	1	0	2	3
Blanks	16	22	15	53

SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin, D.	82	184	146	412
Beatrice Hancock Mullaney, R.	530	543	536	1609
Alice M. Ferry, P.	4	3	4	11
Fred M. Ingersoll, S. L.	1	2	3	6
Blanks	23	30	19	72

TREASURER

Foster Furcolo, D.	69	167	147	383
Roy Charles Papalia, R.	543	561	535	1639
Henning A. Blomen, S. L.	1	0	3	4
Harold J. Ireland, P.	0	1	2	3
Blanks	27	33	21	81

AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley, D.	90	196	167	453
David J. Mintz, R.	520	528	514	1562
Anthony Martin, S. L.	2	0	4	6
Robert A. Simmons, P.	0	1	0	1
Blanks	28	37	23	88

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Francis E. Kelley, D.	51	118	98	267
George Fingold, R.	571	599	588	1758
Arthur W. Blomen, S. L.	0	0	2	2
Howard R. Rand, P.	2	3	1	6
Blanks	16	42	19	77

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., R. ..	530	556	538	1624
John F. Kennedy, D.	101	190	160	451
Thelma Ingersoll, S. L.	0	1	0	1
Mark Shaw, P.	0	1	1	2
Blanks	9	14	9	32

CONGRESSMAN

Edith Nourse Rogers, R.	589	657	622	1868
Helen M. Fitzgerald Cullen, D.	40	83	72	195
Miriam S. Hall, P.	1	6	1	8
Blanks	10	16	13	39

COUNCILLOR

Otis M. Whitney, R.	571	623	575	1769
Thomas C. Quinn, D.	52	113	108	273
Blanks	17	26	25	68

SENATOR

Richard I. Furbush, R.	561	595	565	1721
Charles A. Whalen, D.	58	138	119	315
Blanks	21	29	24	74

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Edward J. DeSaulnier, Jr., R. .	584	632	617	1833
Blanks	56	130	91	277

CLERK OF COURTS

Charles T. Hughes, R.	549	568	534	1651
Edward J. Sullivan, D.	67	160	140	367
Blanks	24	34	34	92

REGISTER OF DEEDS

William B. Bailey, R.	528	544	522	1594
James F. Fitzgerald, D.	83	175	148	406
Blanks	29	43	38	110

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

William G. Andrew, R.	517	552	534	1603
James A. Cullen, D.	65	124	118	307
H. Herbert Applin, R.	403	430	417	1250
Patrick J. Brennan, D.	68	125	107	300
Blanks	227	293	240	760

QUESTION NO. 1

A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?
 [Yes] [No]

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	233	312	256	801
No	292	319	326	937
Blanks	115	131	126	372

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages) ? [Yes] [No]

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	224	300	249	773
No	281	293	320	894
Blanks	135	169	139	443

C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises ? [Yes] [No]

Yes	416	439	468	1323
No	159	204	177	540
Blanks	65	119	63	247

QUESTION NO. 2

“Shall section one hundred and eleven of chapter forty-one of the General Laws, providing for vacations for certain municipal employees, be accepted?” [Yes] [No]

Yes	342	376	361	1079
No	142	190	190	522
Blanks	156	196	157	509

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Acton, we hereby submit reports of the several departments under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

During the year 1952, we held 52 regular meetings and 12 special meetings.

On October 2, 1952, the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company changed over to the dial system. We therefore had to make arrangements to operate our fire alarm system. Mr. F. W. Rimbach of Main Street, Acton, was appointed operator and the fire alarm transmitter was moved from the telephone office to his home. A communication system has been set up between the home of Mr. Rimbach and each of the three fire houses, thus enabling firemen to obtain available information concerning the fire before leaving stations. This, we find, has been of great value.

We are placing articles in the Town Warrant for the purchase of additional two-way radios for the Fire Department. These radios will be on a wavelength set up by the Federal Communications Commission for fire departments in Acton, Maynard and several neighboring towns. This will give our town better protection.

An article has been inserted in the Town Warrant for an amendment to the Town By-Laws regarding the regulations of private ways before acceptance by the town. We feel this is very important and would recommend your approval.

The repairs to the Town Hall basement, which were ordered by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, have been completed.

The various parcels of land, as voted by the town, have been taken by the Selectmen by eminent domain.

We wish, at this time, to thank all committees, department heads and town employees for their interest and co-operation during the year 1952.

LAWRENCE DONNELLY
GEORGE S. BRAMAN
ARTHUR W. LEE

Selectmen of Acton

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

Lawrence Donnelly	Term Expires 1953
Arthur W. Lee	Term Expires 1954
George S. Braman	Term Expires 1955

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

Albert P. Durkee	Term Expires 1953
James W. Baker	Term Expires 1954
Carl C. Flint	Term Expires 1955

Collector of Taxes

Ethel A. Davis

Tree Warden

Franklin H. Charter

Board of Public Welfare

Walter B. Stevens	Term Expires 1953
Lossie E. Laird	Term Expires 1954
A. Perry Marble	Term Expires 1955

Constables

T. Frederick S. Kennedy
Ivar Peterson

Michael Foley
Edward J. Collins

Cemetery Commissioners

Harry E. Holt	Term Expires 1953
Ray L. Harris	Term Expires 1954
Howard F. Jones	Term Expires 1955

School Committee

Eleanore H. Hollis	Term Expires 1953
Leo C. Cunningham	Term Expires 1953
Gertrude P. Tuttle	Term Expires 1954
Dana B. Hinckley	Term Expires 1954
*Wilson D. Sked	Term Expires 1955
Leonard A. Godfrey, Jr.	Term Expires 1955
**Marion C. Reed	

*Resigned

**Elected to replace

Trustees of Memorial Library

Wendell F. Davis	Term Expires 1953
Florence A. Merriam	Term Expires 1954
Frederick T. Heyliger	Term Expires 1955

Board of Health

Herbert L. Leusher	Term Expires 1953
Martin J. Duggan	Term Expires 1954
O. Lawrence Clark	Term Expires 1955

Agent of Board of Health

Edward J. Higgins

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Clara L. Sawyer	.....Term	Expires 1953
Thelma M. Blood	.....Term	Expires 1954
*Grace O. Lears	.....Term	Expires 1955
*Resigned		

Trustees of West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Arno H. Perkins	.....Term Expires	1953
H. Stuart MacGregor	.....Term Expires	1954
James B. Wilson	.....Term Expires	1955

Trustees of Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Frederick T. Kennedy	.....Term Expires 1953
Clarence Frost	.....Term Expires 1954
Herbert W. Merriam	.....Term Expires 1955

Trustees of Goodnow Fund

*Charles E. Smith	.....Term	Expires 1953
Roy H. Linscott	.....Term	Expires 1954
Horace F. Tuttle	.....Term	Expires 1955
*Deceased		

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTMEN—1952

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milbery

Office: Town Hall Hours: 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Meetings: Board of Selectmen, Tuesday evenings at 7:30

Board of Public Welfare

First and third Mondays at 1:00 P.M.

Finance Committee

Robert F. Charles	Albert S. Cook
Bradford S. Leach	Norman McIntosh
Herbert W. Merriam	John M. Whittier

Superintendent of Streets

Russell C. Berry

Town Accountant

Donald O. NylanderTerm Expires 1953

Registrars of Voters

James B. WilsonTerm Expires 1953

Grace J. CullinaneTerm Expires 1954

Julia A. BarryTerm Expires 1955

Harlan E. TuttleEx-Officio

Election Officers

Precinct I

Warden—Irene F. McLaughlin

Clerk—Paul C. Cornwall

Inspector—Marion C. Jewell

Inspector—Paul A. Coughlin

Deputy Warden—Mary F. McCarthy

Deputy Clerk—Helen R. Edwards

Deputy Inspector—Edith M. Hollowell

Deputy Inspector—Leo T. McCarthy

Teller—Inga Frost

Teller—Katherine M. Condon

Precinct II

Warden—Doris Soar

Clerk—Gladys M. Connolly

Inspector—Marian L. Piper

Inspector—Sophia Walsh

Deputy Warden—Margaret Larsen

Deputy Clerk—Bertha Carr Tucker

Deputy Inspector—Hazel P. Vose

Deputy Inspector—Marie S. Whouley

Teller—Martha I. Lowden

Teller—Mabel S. McKelvie

Precinct III

Warden—Marion C. Reed
Clerk—Phyllis K. Sprague
Inspector—Barbara J. McPhee
Inspector—Martin J. Duggan
Deputy Warden—Harry E. Holt
Deputy Clerk—Annie E. McCarthy
Deputy Inspector—Barbara Nylander
Deputy Inspector—Genevieve L. Hatch
Teller—Minnie C. Veasie
Teller—Margaret H. Allsopp

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer
Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer — Precinct I
Lloyd W. Priest, Asst. Engineer — Precinct II
Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer — Precinct III

Inspector of Animals

Arno H. Perkins

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser

Sealer of Weights and Measures

A Perry Marble

Town Forest Committee

Emery D. Nelson	Term Expires 1953
Franklin H. Charter	Term Expires 1954
Arno H. Perkins	Term Expires 1955

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Oliver D. Wood	Charles E. Smith
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Fence Viewers

Robert G. Willett

Louis F. Leveroni

Foster R. MacKinnon

Field Drivers

Arno H. Perkins

Benjamin E. Derby

Superintendent of Moth Work

Franklin H. Charter

Inspector of Wires

Byrd D. Goss

Police Officers

*Michael Foley, Chief

Edward J. Collins, Jr.

Alexander W. Whiteneck

Chauncey R. Fenton, Jr.

Roy H. Linscott

Viola M. Foley

Ray L. Harris

Benjamin H. Sawyer

Edward J. Higgins

Louis F. Leveroni

*Civil Service—Permanent

Burial Agent

Edward J. Higgins

Veterans' Agent

Edward J. Higgins

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

Frederick W. Rimbach

Superintendent of Goward Field

Frederic W. Rimbach

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Theron A. Lowden

Director of Veterans' Services

Theron A. Lowden

Public Weighers

William Braman

Albert R. Jenks

G. Howard Reed

Porter G. Jenks

A. W. Davis

Louise Garceau

Philip Newell

Ruth Durkin

Thomas Hearn

Otis J. Reed

Carl W. Flint

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my twenty-sixth annual report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1952. Said report includes all arrests made within the town during the past year.

Arrests and prosecutions for the following offenses:

Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor	8
Drunkenness	15
Operating so lives and safety might be endangered	15
Operating after suspension of license	6
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	10
Operating an uninsured motor vehicle	9
Speeding	54
Violation of speed regulations	13
Violation of School Bus Law	22
Not displaying an inspection sticker on M/V ...	12
Defective brakes	2
Stop sign violations	17
Operating without a license	13
Red light violations	8
Law of the road	6
No registration in possession	1
Operating without proper plates	2
Unnecessary noise with a motor vehicle	1
Disobeying traffic signal	1
Failing to slow at flashing yellow light	1
Operating without lights	1
Going away after causing damage to property	1
Refusing to stop for Police Officer	1
Failing to slow at intersection	1
Non-Support	3

Assault and Battery	1
Larceny	4
Arrested as fugitive	1
Vagrancy	2
Giving false name and address	1

Miscellaneous:

Operators booked and warned for motor vehicle violations	664
Cars checked by patrol	465
Reported to Registrar for suspension of license	3
Cars tagged for all night parking (Warnings) ..	34
Summonses served	69
Doors found unlocked in buildings, by patrol ..	53
Complaints received and investigated	393
Property checked at request of owners	59
Persons transported to hospitals via emergency cruiser ambulance	11
Persons transported to State Hospital	1

Motor Vehicle accident report:

	1951	1952
Total accidents reported	56	56
Number of occupants injured	32	39
Pedestrians injured	2	0
Bicyclists injured	0	3
Fatal accidents	0	0

Our accident record again this year has been very good. It will be noted that even with the heavy increase in the number of motor vehicles registered in Massachusetts this year, the number of accidents reported here is the same as last year. It is unfortunate that three of these accidents involved children riding bicycles. As traffic in the town increases, the riding of bicycles becomes more dangerous. All parents should caution their children to use the utmost care and to obey the safety rules when on their bikes. I

am pleased to report that for the second consecutive year there were no fatal accidents.

Auxiliary Police:

This unit formed under Civil Defense is still intact and we are looking forward to a more active program of training for these officers during 1953.

Traffic:

I recommend that Speed Limit signs be installed this year on Concord Road; Main Street from Route 2A to Carlisle line; and on Nagog Hill Road from Main Street to Concord Road.

Cruiser:

The cruiser will have an estimated speedometer reading of 65,000 miles by April 1st and I recommend that the present cruiser be traded for a 1953 model.

Radio:

On July 27, 1952, the radio station at the Police Office in the Town Hall was damaged by lightning and was out of service for about two months. The value of our present radio hookup with Concord was proven in this instance when calls for our cruiser, that are ordinarily transmitted from this station, were transmitted through the Concord Police Department radio which operates on the same frequency. The radios used by this department, with the exception of the mobile unit in the cruiser, have been purchased under Civil Defense and all the equipment is in good condition at this time. Since the installation of these radios, 1400 calls have been transmitted. This does not include calls transmitted to or for us by the Maynard and Concord Police Radio Stations.

To Contact Police:

Under the new dial telephone system, we no longer receive the co-operative service that we have become accustomed to under the service rendered us by our local operators through-

out the years since telephone service was first installed in Acton. Under the new system the Company employees will not dial a second number, as requested by us, to reach the police even if they know they can complete the call by dialing the second number or as one company official puts it, "The operator will dial that first number until doom's day unless she is asked to dial another number". This, of course, only happens on incoming out-of-town calls or calls made from local pay stations as these are the only calls where an operator is involved. To overcome this situation as much as possible, we have had extensions installed on the 3-5221 line at the Police Office that may be answered at the home of F. W. Rimbach or at the Chief's home whenever this number is dialed. The Police numbers are 3-5221 and 3-5522; the latter is the residence of the Chief. I suggest that these numbers be placed near your telephone to save time in an emergency.

In closing, I wish to thank all the officers of this department who co-operated with me in carrying out the duties of the Police Department during the past year. I also wish to express my thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their co-operation and to the local telephone operators, whom we shall miss, for their efficient handling of our emergency calls, and to the personnel of the Concord Police Department for their co-operation and radio service. To all others who in any way assisted us, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1952. The control of Dutch Elm Disease is now the biggest problem facing the Moth Department. Previously it has been possible to control the leaf eating pests with two applications of spray a season. This year three sprays were applied to all the elms on town property. This included a dormant spray for the Elm Bark Beetle, carrier of the Dutch Elm Disease.

The Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths have not been serious this season. One spray was applied for their control.

The Moth Department removed 27 Elms infected with Dutch Elm Disease. Twelve of these were carried over from 1951, with 15 new cases this year. The best means of preventing the Dutch Elm Disease from spreading is by spraying at the proper time. The sprayer the department now has is 19 years old and in constant need of repairs. I therefore recommend that \$2400. be appropriated from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of a Mist Blower for the Moth Department.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Fence Viewing for the Town of Acton reports no activity in partition fences for the year 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS F. LEVERONI
ROBERT G. WILLETT
F. R. MacKINNON

REPORT OF VETERANS SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

It is with many thanks to the Servicemen and Women of Acton for returning their service record questionnaire so promptly and complete, their Parents and friends for reporting to us when their boys and girls enter the service, the Officials and Citizens for the information and assistance in the acquisition of facts, enabling us to help the service people, that I render this report for 1952.

Several more of our young people have enlisted or been called into service, also some have completed their period of enlistment or term of service and been released. To the relatives of those recently entering, or to those going in shortly, would you please let me know so we may have the service report questionnaire completed as soon as possible, enabling us to help them while in service, should occasion require. To those discharged or released let us record that valued piece of paper, "your discharge", because you will need copies to help you get squared away back into civil life, also you are never able to obtain another if it is lost, and there have been some lost.

During this past year a great many veterans were obliged to seek the medical and surgical care given in the V.A. Hospitals and though some were of an emergency nature, and there was a change of vacility and handling process going on, they were properly taken care of and efficiently and courteously treated. Available beds at Cushing are now at a minimum as the new hospital at Jamaica Plain becomes operatable and the Army takes over more in Framingham. The complete outcome still seems to be a little in doubt but we do not expect to be able to use Cushing after July 1. West Roxbury Hospital is supposed to be completely renovated and in use sometime late this year, then we will have two hospitals in this area for General Medical and Surgical, the same as before but not as conveniently located for our use.

Korean Veterans are still not as completely provided for as were WW2 Veterans but Federal as well as State Legislation in process, it is hoped will take care of all inequities and place all on a sound comparable basis for their best interest.

Anticipatory measures are being taken by all Veterans Service Organizations to be prepared for any situation that may arise, not just for expediency, but because the real essence of Service is in being prepared.

Sincerely,

THERON A. LOWDEN,
Director

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Forest Warden submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Total number of Grass and Brush fires—62. Out of the sixty-two fires, twenty of them were Peat fires along the new Route 2 Highway.

Collected for illegal fires\$79.10

The forest fire equipment is in good condition. We won't have to buy any additional equipment this year with the exception of replacing a small amount of forest fire hose, which has worn out or been burned.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Town Forest Committee submits the following report for the year 1952.

The sum of \$250.00 was appropriated for work in the Town Forest. The fire road, cut last year on the Durkee Lot, was cleared of underbrush on either side to make an effective fire break.

The Texas Lot was visited by the Committee and all boundary markers were checked. One road across the Town Forest was widened, making it possible for fire trucks to reach most of the area in case of fire.

The committee visited the Town Forest with the District Forester and were advised in the proper way to thin and prune the area for the best timber production. It was recommended that an improvement cutting on the Durkee Lot be made within 10 years. The increase in stumpage value per acre per year was estimated at \$5.

Thinning of hardwoods was recommended for the Texas Lot. It was also recommended that areas not reseeding naturally be planted to White Pine.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER

EMERY NELSON

ARNO H. PERKINS

Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year ended December 31, 1952, one accident was reported to me. This accident was not serious and was settled satisfactorily.

THERON A. LOWDEN,

Compensation Agent

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Keeping and destroying 52 Stray Dogs	\$338.00
Expenses	112.00
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	\$450.00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR FRASER,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1952.

Barns inspected	56
Cows	197
Young Cattle	114
Bulls	7
Steers	12
Swine	31
Sheep	32
Goats	32
Dog Bites	5
Dogs Quarantined	5
Rabies	0
Horses	22
Miles traveled on inspection work ...	166

Respectfully submitted,

ARNO H. PERKINS,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit my report as Inspector of Wires for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Two hundred fifty-nine (259) permits were issued.

Five hundred thirty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$538.75) collected for the above permits.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. GOSS,
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report concerning the work of the Highway Department for the year of 1952.

The usual maintenance work of cleaning, scraping, patching, drainage and brush cutting was carried on.

The culvert program has been continued.

Several hundred feet of cable guard rail was erected on various streets.

Laurel Court was gravelled and treated.

Surface treatment of asphalt was applied to the usual mileage of streets.

The last section of Main Street from the Carlisle line to the State Road in North Acton has been completed.

The proposed construction under Chapter 90 for 1953 will be on either side of the overpass on Main Street at Route 2.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL C. BERRY,
Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1952.

In the past year, I have sealed 275 weighing and measuring devices. Some of these having had to be adjusted. The State sent their Tank Truck Meter for sealing tank trucks.

Sealing fees collected \$141.75. The same was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PERRY MARBLE,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Total number of alarms responded to are as follows:

Residential	10
Manufacturing	5
Mercantile	4
Miscellaneous	14
Automobile	10
False	3
Emergency	10

56

Loss to building, contents caused by fire\$4,864.00
Collected for Oil, Gas, Blasting Permits\$ 84.50

The new compressor has been installed at South Acton Station, put in service June 5, 1952.

New batteries were installed at West Acton Station to take care of the alarm system, July 29, 1952.

The Fire Alarm Transmitter was installed in William Rimbach's home, September 29, 1952, where he is giving 24 hour service. This has proven a big step forward. His relation with the alarm system have been most satisfactory, both in saving time and efficiency of the department. I certainly appreciate as do all the firemen, the service he has rendered us since he has been on the job.

The fire alarm system extension for West Acton has been installed as far as possible, the reason for not completing, is that the poles to be set by Edison Light Company, were not set so there is a breach from Homestead to Summer Street where the wire could not be run, leaving this extension unoperative. However, it is only a short job to complete when the poles are set. In fact, I believe we'll have it completed before the town report is off the press.

This year we are asking for ten boxes to be installed along the line where they are needed most. By installing a few boxes each year we will soon have the system complete.

Also this year we are planning to run wires from Massachusetts Avenue, West Acton along Charter Road to Hayward Road, along Hayward Road to the Rex Corporation, to connect their plant to our system. The Rex Corporation to pay all costs from the street in to the plant.

The radio has been installed in the emergency service truck and operating, and has been very satisfactory, especially in hunting for missing persons. It gives us a perfect communication system, and enables the work to be done faster and more effectively. Also, radio is a must in case

of severe storms, such as we experienced this year, when most of the telephones were out of service. We are asking for two more radios this year.

In closing my report, I would like to say that the equipment is in good condition.

Yours truly,

H. S. MacGREGOR,

Chief of Fire Dept.

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Please notify the Town Clerk immediately of any error or omission in the following List of Births.

Errors not reported at once can be corrected only by sworn affidavit, as prescribed by the General Laws, and may cause you inconvenience which can be avoided by prompt attention.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1952

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Jan. 7	Concord	Loring, Pamela Farley	John H. II and Tatiana Farley
Jan. 7	Illinois	Monson, Linda	William and Freida E. Oelschlegel
Jan. 8	Concord	Haigh, David Bond	Robert A. and Mary Bond
Jan. 23	Concord	Sweeney, Rose Marie	Daniel J. and Lucy A. Joyce
Jan. 27	Concord	Stevens, Jean Elizabeth	John N. Jr. and Ardelle M. Day
Jan. 31	Concord	Panetta, Nanette Jean	Albert R. and Thelma E. Deveau
Feb. 3	Concord	Macklin, Linda Jean	Theodore O. and Marie C. Moriarty
Feb. 4	Concord	Snyder, John Edward	Harry Jr. and Marjorie M. Sorenson
Feb. 7	Concord	Liebfried, Peter Whitcomb	Walter H. and Virginia F. Fisher
Feb. 12	Concord	Hitchcock, William Paul	William E. and June P. Clark
Feb. 17	Concord	Bean, Forrest Emerson III	Forrest E. Jr. and Frances E. Balsor
Feb. 19	Concord	Still Born	
Feb. 25	Concord	Troupe, Leonard Allen	James and Ingrid M. Bengtsen
Feb. 27	Concord	Hill, Steven Anthony	Anthony and Edith J. Hood
Mar. 9	Boston	Corrow, David Spencer	Bernard J. and Virginia H. Hutchinson
Mar. 11	Concord	Eaton, Laurie Kingman	Mark S. and Joan F. Thomas
Mar. 22	Concord	Morrison, George Robert	Archie and Mary J. Nee
Mar. 23	Concord	Grekula, Herbert Alfred	Teuvo A. and Mabel A. Leusher
Mar. 24	Concord	Cobleigh, Denise Ann	Roy K. and Catherine E. Cullinane
Mar. 30	Concord	Lawton, Diane Roscille	Edward G. and Frances V. Mason

April 3	Concord	Fenton, James Douglas
April 19	Weymouth	Nastasi, Nancy Jean
April 23	Concord	Broughton, Jonathan Paul
April 25	Concord	Horan, Thomas Henry, Jr.
May 5	Concord	Peterson, Laurie
May 13	Concord	Granberg, Paul
May 19	Concord	Hagan, Janice Ruth
May 21	Boston	Sherry, Dennis Talbot
May 22	Concord	Nichols, Glen Lawrence
May 27	Concord	Piper, Alvin Richmond, Jr.
May 30	Concord	Dolan, William James
June 1	Waltham	Foley, Charlene Ethel
June 1	Waltham	Foley Charlotte Elizabeth
June 5	Marlborough	Hopkins, Corinne Joanne
June 5	Concord	Bentley, Lynne Austin
June 10	Concord	Flint, Dana Carl
June 15	Boston	Haley, Richard Vaughn II
June 15	Boston	Haley, Mary Elizabeth
June 17	Boston	Davidson, Paula Marie
June 23	Conn.	Armstrong, David Wilson
June 24	Framingham	Howes, Donald Wayne
June 28	Concord	Prentiss, Dana Lyle
July 3	Concord	Torppa, Diane

Chauncey R. Jr. and Dorothy M. Hoffman
Joseph A. and Nancy B. Turner
Everett L. and Beverly Crain
Thomas H. and Mildred Christofferson
Ralph and Doris E. Hartwell
Alfred O. and Phyllis A. Stuart
Thomas J. and Emily R. Watkins
Richard D. and Patricia A. Keefe
Orla E. Jr. and Dorothy M. Minasian
Alvin R. and Caroline M. Gates
Theodore E. and Dorothy H. Cook
Charles E. and Betty A. Hatch
Charles E. and Betty A. Hatch
John J. and Dolores Y. McQuade
Colin and Janet Austin
Carl W. and Vera M. Cunningham
Richard and Elizabeth Helly
Richard and Elizabeth Helly
Donald W. and Elizabeth P. Condon
Arthur H. and Jean W. Wilson
Donald and Eleanor Gates
Harold O. Jr. and Dorothy V. Rahberg
Herbert A. and Betty Ann Teele

July	4	Concord	Still Born	Kenneth and Jacqueline S. Susskind
July	9	Concord	Dollinger, Karen Joan	Llewelyn E. and Suzanne R. Schwartz
July	16	Boston	Liberman, Larry Evan	Thomas E. and Charlotte E. Tolman
Aug.	4	Concord	Wetherbee, Robert Hale	Milton B. and Catherine M. Elliott
Aug.	11	Concord	Wetherbee, Deborah Faith	Joseph M. and Barbara E. Jensen
Aug.	12	Concord	Hughes, Kathleen Margaret	Lloyd and Jean G. O'Leary
Aug.	13	Cambridge	Cohan, Wayne Lloyd	Charles D. and Patience Hosmer
Aug.	19	Concord	MacPherson, Ian	Arthur E. and Bettyann Childs
Aug.	24	Boston	Rowse, Margaret Olivia	Robert H. and Louise Baxter
Aug.	26	Cambridge	Gerrity, Cynthia	Paul O. and Mary L. Scudder
Sept.	3	Concord	Pappas, Michael Jared	William R. and Adell R. Cherney
Sept.	4	Concord	Rawitser, William Cherney	William R. and Adell R. Cherney
Sept.	4	Concord	Rawitser, Steven Cherney	Walter E. and Ferendina R. Dipersio
Sept.	6	Concord	Brayden, Marsha Ella	Frank A. and Marcia S. McCabe
Sept.	8	Concord	Ryan, Judith Sells	Joseph P. III and Jane A. Gerrish
Sept.	12	Concord	Day, Theodore Price	Richard W. and Lois A. Allard
Sept.	12	Concord	Nichols, John Marshall	Donald R. and Mabel D. Priest
Sept.	13	N. Carolina	Chisholm, Donald Robert II	Albert M. Jr. and Dorothy Crocker
Sept.	14	Concord	Coffey, Stephen Dana	James L. and Ruth P. Lally
Sept.	15	Concord	Cunningham, Paula	Orlando A. and Lillian M. C. Bernard
Sept.	16	Concord	Vanaria, Carolina Joan Marie	James H. and Genevieve J. Jdunczyk
Sept.	17	Concord	French, Marilyn Clark	Arthur N. and Frances Swartz
Sept.	18	Concord	Hirsch, David Marvin	

Sept. 21	Concord	Liebfried, Frederick Harrison
Sept. 23	Concord	Dolan, Robert Owen
Sept. 30	Concord	Cobleigh, Ann Marie
Sept. 30	Concord	Bell, John Gordon
Oct. 1	Concord	Meigs, Anne Weston
Oct. 3	Concord	Carbary, Linda Lee
Oct. 3	Acton	Bumpus, Pamela Jane
Oct. 14	Concord	Crocker,
Oct. 16	Arlington	Daigle, Steven
Oct. 17	Concord	Murphy, Liane Wood
Oct. 18	Concord	French, Robert George, Jr.
Oct. 18	Winchester	Qua, Douglas Biron
Oct. 21	Concord	Dreher, Dana Warren
Oct. 23	Concord	Brown, Thomas Milton
Oct. 24	Concord	Murray, Alane Elizabeth
Oct. 27	Concord	Newsham, Elaine Norma
Oct. 28	Ayer	Robinson, Betty Ann
Nov. 2	Concord	Vanderhoof, Dale Louise
Nov. 3	Lowell	Wirkkanen, Gary Edward
Nov. 3	Concord	Evangelos, Jeffrey Philip
Nov. 3	Concord	Sturtevant, Donald Marlin
Nov. 11	Waltham	Shaw, Debra Arline
Nov. 14	Concord	Stevens, Walter Addison, Jr.

George F. and Dolores M. Zaniewski
Richard E. and Mary V. Goodrich
William L. Jr. and Grace M. Smith
John and Hilda M. Jackson
Martin S. Jr. and Marion Jamieson
Leonard R. and Maria Hausmann
Charles H. Jr. and Lorain A. Smith
Ronald E. and Sadie G. Clark
Leo J. and Virginia M. Belcastro
Robert E. and Anna K. Tobias
Robert G. and Grace M. V. Haley
Gerald H. and Anne L. Biron
Stephen T. and Beverly E. Brown
Edmond B. and Madeline A. Granberg
Allan R. and Laura E. MacLalan
Walter B. and Norma E. Punch
Leo W. J. and Marjorie V. Henley
Albert and Beatrice M. Cress
Leo E. and Thelma Nelson
James and Helen T. Checani
Henry B. III and Bette M. Wright
Richard W. and Marguerite A. Goldthwait
Walter A. and Priscilla H. Bean

Nov. 25	Concord	Murphy, Colleen
Nov. 30	Concord	Clapp, Garrett Atwood
Nov. 30	Cambridge	Burlingame, Talitha
Dec. 2	Winchester	Tolf, Erik Spencer
Dec. 3	Concord	Albright, Bruce Stewart
Dec. 5	Concord	Williams, David Edwin
Dec. 9	Stoneham	MacNeil, Bonnie Mae
Dec. 14	Concord	Braman, Susan
Dec. 19	Concord	Steeves, David Willard
Dec. 22	Concord	Macklin, Theodore Ora, Jr.
Dec. 25	Concord	Charter, Susan Carol
Dec. 26	Cambridge	Kelley, Pamela Jane
Dec. 31	Concord	Prentiss, Brian Allan, Jr.

Thomas F. and Barbara A. Collins
Robert E. and Priscilla F. Garrett
Edwin C. and Mary L. Homer
Marvin L. and Lydia Spencer
Charles H. Jr. and Joanne H. Stewart
Robert W. and Barbara C. Wilson
George B. and Ruth M. Neilson
Albert S. and Mildred F. Hodgen
E. Clayton and Ruth E. Phillips
Theodore O. and Marie C. Morarty
George H. and Ruth S. Colby
Lawrence B. and Virginia L. Kearns
Brian A. and Dorothy F. DeSouza

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1952

Date	Name	Residence
Jan. 13	Bestick, D. Miller Jr. Wilson, Janet B.	Hebron, N. H. W. Acton
Jan. 25	Shaw, Richard Winfield Goldthwaite, Marguerite Ann	Concord W. Acton
Feb. 11	Horan, Thomas H. Christofferson, Mildred	Maynard S. Acton
Feb. 15	Mitchell, Thomas S. White, Dorothy A.	Boxboro W. Acton
Feb. 15	High, Robert J. Sturdevant, Amelia E. (Corson)	W. Acton W. Acton
Feb. 16	Nichols, Richard W. Allard, Lois Ann	W. Acton W. Acton
Feb. 22	Beal, Howard W. Flerra, Mary V.	Somerville Boston
April 14	Kangas, Veli R. Dargiewicz, Irene Stella	S. Acton Maynard

May 10	Cambridge	Hryniewich, Frederick John Harnum, Edna Louise	Acton Cambridge
May 11	Acton	Kendall, William S. Jr. Tucker, Joan F.	Acton S. Acton
May 17	W. Acton	Priest, Clarence Irving Jr. Feltus, Frances (Bretemps)	Stow W. Acton
May 17	W. Acton	Tolman, Wilbur Jones Harrington, Elizabeth Ann	S. Acton W. Acton
May 18	Acton	Blackwell, Francis X. Freese, Phyllis A.	Jamaica Plain E. Acton
May 18	Acton	Hancock, Francis M. Jr. Roe, Betty Ann	Concord W. Acton
May 25	Acton	Feltus, Carroll Moore Merriam, Joyce	W. Acton S. Acton
May 29	Weston	Byers, John S. Denton, Grace Ellen	S. Acton Weston
May 30	S. Acton	Marcewicz, Joseph Nealey, Marilyn	Maynard S. Acton
June 6	Boxborough	Chisholm, Donald R. Priest, Mabel D.	W. Acton Stow

June 14	Arlington	Ruessick, Douglas Lee Wunderly, Caroline	Pennsgrove, N. J. Acton
June 14	Concord	Stern, Jacques Loup Marshall, Emily Janeway	New York, N. Y. Acton
June 21	Acton	Nichols, Lawrence S. Gratto, Beverly A.	W. Acton W. Acton
June 28	Maynard	Felos, Klim Semeniuk, Tekla	Maynard S. Acton
June 28	W. Acton	Bristow, Robert Lee Post, June Theresa	Washington, D. C. E. Acton
July 4	Acton	Ray, David J. Pendergast, Dorothy	Boston W. Acton
July 19	Acton	Gilbert, George B. Kierce, Mary F.	S. Acton S. Acton
July 20	Hudson	Gallant, Richard Avery Nilges, Edith Grace	W. Acton Hudson
July 20	S. Acton	Fairbanks, James Madison Merriam, Elizabeth	Watertown S. Acton
July 24	Concord	Stanley, Joseph Fairbanks, Marion (Moody)	Acton Concord

July	26	W. Acton	McGreen, Sherman F. Maddera, Ella Baker	S. Acton Long Island, N. Y.
Aug.	3	Maynard	Howe, Robert James Price, Beverly Jane	W. Acton Maynard
Aug.	17	Acton	MacInnis, Richard Arthur Page, Alice Rose	Lexington Boxborough
Aug.	17	Acton	Murphy, Edward Leo Jr. Frizzle, Patricia May	Maynard S. Acton
Aug.	23	Maynard	Whitney, Frank Waters, Bonnie	Maynard S. Acton
Sept.	7	Acton	Flannery, Edward William Cooke, Cecelia Joan	S. Acton W. Acton
Sept.	13	Barnstable	MacLean, Roland R. Jr. Blaney, Marguerite E.	S. Acton Centerville
Sept.	13	Acton	LaCourse, Louis J. Coderre, Rose (Becote)	S. Acton Lynn
Oct.	2	Nashua, N. H.	Stalker, Peter Douglas Johnson, Eleanor Marie	Maynard S. Acton
Oct.	10	Easton	Footte, Maurice Peterson, Laura Jane	W. Acton W. Acton
Oct.	11	Acton	Beaudoin, Alcide Wilfred Tucker, Constance Marie	W. Acton S. Acton

Nov. 2	Acton	Fairbrother, Byron L. Yarnell, Bernice	Chelmsford Acton
Nov. 9	W. Concord	Cherry, John Terence II Chamberlin, Constance Dorothy	Miami, Florida N. Acton
Nov. 14	Hudson	Scribner, Richard M. Burgoyne, Lorraine A.	W. Acton Hudson
Nov. 15	Cochituate	Hollowell, Calvin H. Taylor, Muriel L.	N. Acton Cochituate
Nov. 17	Nashua, N. H.	Jackson, David Albert Higgins, Sybil Claire	Acton Acton
Dec. 20	Belmont	Nickerson, Herbert Davis Buffum, Gladys Louise	Belmont E. Acton
Dec. 20	S. Acton	Nelson, Robert G. MacLean, Dorothy	S. Acton Worcester
Dec. 28	Concord	Mutty, Lewis D. Knippel, J. Wilhelmina	Concord Acton

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Dec. 30	Greenfield	Bursaw, Henry E. Jr. Carliell, Marion L.	S. Acton Palmer
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DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1952

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 2	Johnson, Axel Albin	80	0	23
Jan. 10	Jones, Mary A. (Brindley)	84	10	29
Jan. 13	Watkins, Florence E. (Strong)	59	8	18
Jan. 16	Capelle, Henry L.	78	0	8
Feb. 4	Murray, John J.	78	0	25
Feb. 19	Still Born	—	—	—
Feb. 20	Fitzherbert, Phoebe (Kent)	90	2	13
Feb. 20	Richard, Anna M.	54	0	0
Feb. 22	Whitcomb, Arthur M.	82	11	8
Feb. 28	Wood, Sarah A.	73	4	8
Mar. 19	Conway, Walter	46	3	1
Mar. 21	Pratt, Albert R.	76	11	29
Mar. 28	Hartman, Elizabeth B.	83	10	0
April 1	Renton, William J.	80	7	25
April 13	Moore, Ralph H.	80	11	17
April 25	Morse, Cathryn (Meader)	69	2	28
April 28	Stearns, Ralph W.	67	9	3
April 30	Washburn, Ernest H.	78	11	11
May 3	Feltus, Roberta C.	4	10	18
May 9	Waluk, Amelia A.	67	0	4
May 13	Carr, Eugene J.	35	5	0
May 17	Peppard, Victor E.	67	5	13
May 20	Smith, Charles E.	76	8	18
May 28	Hryniewich, Joseph	64	0	0
June 6	Hurley, James	53	11	20
June 13	Watkins, Elsie (Graham)	76	2	8
June 16	Haley, Mary E.	—	—	1
June 22	Woodbine, Herbert J.	71	9	13
July 4	Still Born	—	—	—
July 9	Lawton, Charles K.	80	10	12
Sept. 24	Bradbury, Rolfe	92	0	0
Oct. 11	Matless, Alfred G. Jr.	38	7	5
Oct. 11	Johnson, Henry A.	52	5	2
Oct. 15	Still Born	—	—	—
Oct. 23	Geer, Sadie E. (Wood)	85	0	6

Oct.	25	Reynolds, Miriam O. (Whitney)	44	6	12
Oct.	29	Smith, John D.	82	4	27
Nov.	1	Beck, Maude M. (McKesson)	72	9	27
Nov.	6	Cross, Harry C.	72	6	28
Nov.	23	Morison, Alexander	85	7	10
Nov.	24	Pfeiffer, Herman G. J.	6	5	25
Nov.	27	Webber, Anna E.	94	4	1
Dec.	1	Baxter, Lavina M.	83	10	16
Dec.	2	Ellice, Frank	80	2	22
Dec.	14	Braman, Susan	—	—	—
Dec.	19	Duggan, John J.	80	0	0

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1952

Death	Name	Age			Place of Death	Place of Burial
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 5	Armstrong, James H.	69	4	18	Westboro, Mass	Mt. Hope
May 14	Boodry, Nellie E.	90	10	19	Stoneham, Mass	Woodlawn
Nov. 4	Bush, Eda Bernice	68	0	0	Westmoreland, N. H.	Mt. Hope
Mar. 24	Brown, Ada Blanche	79	4	27	Ayer, Mass.	Mt. Hope
June 13	Danielson, Elizabeth	20	4	28	Boston, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Jan. 4	Densmore, Walter	72	0	0	Westboro, Mass.	Mt. Hope
April 1	Freeman, (Girl)	0	0	3	Malden, Mass.	Woodlawn
Mar. 8	Harrington, Effie V.	81	5	27	Shrewsbury, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Oct. 7	Haven, Frank W.	67	4	25	Somerville, Mass.	Woodlawn
Jan. 19	Helmsen, Edward A.	84	1	8	Clinton, Mass.	Woodlawn
Feb. 4	Jacobs, Charles E.	77	0	5	Somerville, Mass.	Woodlawn
June 7	Kelley, N. Maude	58	0	12	Waltham, Mass.	Woodlawn
Nov. 15	Kennedy, Hugh C.	76	8	18	Framingham, Mass.	Mt. Hope
July 6	Manson, Johana	88	10	7	Brockton, Mass.	Mt. Hope
May 18	Mason, John A.	26	3	18	Maynard, Mass.	Woodlawn
Aug. 6	Owen, Clarence B.	70	7	14	Quincy, Mass	Woodlawn

Mar. 21	Piper, Luther Warren	72	4	19	Newton, Mass.	Woodlawn
May 22	Robbins, Albert E.	80	10	12	Littleton, Mass.	Woodlawn
Jan. 14	Roberts, John P.	25	8	16	Kensington, Md.	Woodlawn
Mar. 5	Rouse, Arthur T.	59	0	0	E. Hartford, Conn.	Woodlawn
Nov. 16	Taylor, Caroline A.	88	0	0	C. Effingham, N. H.	Woodlawn
July 21	Wilber, Mae Elizabeth	59	1	15	Candia, N. H.	Mt. Hope
Dec. 24	Wright, Emma	93	9	18	Boston, Mass.	Mt. Hope

NOTICE

**All dog licenses here listed EXPIRE
MARCH 31, 1953.**

**Dogs must be licensed on or before
April 1st or the owners or keepers
thereof are liable to a fine.**

**The law applies to all dogs three
months old or over, regardless of time
of year ownership is acquired.**

**No tax bills are sent to owners of
dogs.**

LIST OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1952

Owner	Tag No.		
F. Wendell Putnam	1	Annie Eilertsen	37
Flora Putnam	2	Joan Christofferson	38
Dewey E. Boatman	3	William E. McNiff	39
Fred Richards	4	Kathleen W. Sheppard	40
James N. Gates	5	Kenneth Hampson	41
Norman Philip Sked	6	Craig R. Collins	42
Fred S. Kennedy	7	Albert M. Nickerson	43
Fred S. Kennedy	8	Harold Y. Banquer	44
Robert M. Bowen	9	Elizabeth Vitkauskas	45
Sherman Frost	10	Charles MacPherson	46
Gertrude Stiles	11	Albert Nyman	47
Thelma Blood	12	George Raymond	48
Ralph H. Prescott	13	David Hollowell	49
Bertha Briggs	14	Martin Meigs	50
Arthur P. Reynolds	15	Russell Davis	51
Lucretia Conheeney	16	Arno H. Perkins	52
Marilyn Clark	17	Winthrop C. Richmond	53
Mrs. Edward W. Moore	18	John Lehto	54
Mrs. Edward W. Moore	19	Edgar Peterson	55
Jane A. Day	20	Joseph Lemoine	56
Charles Albright	21	Hazel G. Blanchard	57
Robert Farquhar	22	Edwin Anderson	58
Arthur Desmond	23	Katherine Graham	59
L. Sidney Betts	24	Marcia Reed	60
David Tinker	25	Eric Froberg	61
Mrs. Louis C. Schwaab	26	Carrie F. Wells	62
Mrs. Louis C. Schwaab	27	Thomas Snow	63
Louis J. Lacourse	28	Carl A. Schontag	64
Harold C. White	29	Sheldon Bradley	65
Doris Nealy	30	William J. Phillips	66
Ray L. Harris	31	Frank H. Weatherby	67
Walter N. Stevenson	32	Glenna Wise	68
Andrew J. Mariotte	33	Glenna Wise	69
Robert Mason	34	John Duston	70
Hazel Hughes	35	George W. Mortimer	71
Margaret Reed	36	George A. Warner	72
		George A. Warner	73

George W. Loggie	74	John M. Goddard	113
George W. Loggie	75	Walter H. Liebfried	114
Michael J. Britt	76	Wilson Bursaw	115
Robert B. Harris	77	Hilda Anderson	116
Roberta Davis	78	Curtis Briggs	117
Clinton S. Curtis	79	Frederic Abbt	118
Clinton S. Curtis	80	George E. Neagle	119
Alice M. Pederson	81	Carl Flint	120
Bruce Larsen	82	David Flint	121
Guy Bonfoglio	83	Fred Willett, Jr.	122
John W. Putnam	84	George Rifford	123
Eric W. Grimshaw	85	Frederick Whitcomb	124
Clair Garceau	86	Mrs. A. W. Marsh	125
W. Gardner Walker	87	Mrs. Alfred Parker	126
W. Gardner Walker	88	Norman G. Collins	127
Donald Robbins	89	H. Stuart MacGregor	128
Alwin A. Klauer	90	H. Stuart MacGregor	129
Marion A. White	91	George W. Turnbull	130
Edward L. Forbes	92	Forest E. Bean	131
John N. Stevens, Jr.	93	Raleigh Beach	132
John N. Stevens	94	John I. Swenson	133
Ben Smalley	95	Wentworth Prentiss	134
Ben Smalley	96	Wentworth Prentiss	135
John Torkelsen	97	J. Eugene McKercher	136
Lowell Cram	98	J. Eugene McKercher	137
Herman Pfeffer	99	Mrs. John T. Sleeper	138
Charles F. Greenough	100	Richard C. Sisson	139
Barbara Allen	101	Charles K. Lawton	140
Vaughn Allen	102	John B. Byers	141
Alden C. Flagg, Jr.	103	Fred Lawrence, Jr.	142
Charles H. Liebfried	104	John M. Pettingell	143
Harold A. Buxton	105	Albert L. Hayes	144
Robert B. Young	106	Albert Braman	145
Robert J. Young	107	Robin Darling	146
Lillian Freeman	108	Allan Murray	147
Virginia L. Newton	109	David Flint	148
Joseph Perry	110	Lucille Cunningham	149
Tony Perry	111	Harold Nicola	150
Tony Perry	112	John L. Fletcher	151

John J. Crighton	152	John Onslow	191
Barbara Horn	153	John Onslow	192
John E. Wetherbee	154	John Onslow	193
Howland Parker	155	Margaret Murray	194
Howland Parker	156	Margaret Larrabee	195
Charles M. MacRae	157	James S. Goodwin	196
William Henry Soar	158	James S. Goodwin	197
Rose Snyer	159	Matthew Costello	198
James W. Baker	160	Miriam D. McCabe	199
Norman Veenstra	161	Helen A. Knowlton	200
Edwin Hall	162	Matthew Costello	201
Edwin Hall	163	Cleon Phelps	202
Evelyn Y. Inman	164	William L. Chipman	203
William Lehtinen	165	Benght Tornell	204
William S. Boyd	166	E. C. Johnson	205
William J. Durkin	167	Exzilda M. Bligh	206
William J. Durkin	168	Clifford A. Schofield	207
Wendall F. Davis	169	Paul Cornwall	208
John Gregorowicz	170	Herbert Leusher	209
Norman McIntosh	171	Richard Manion	210
Norman McIntosh	172	Stanley Veasie	211
Elmer Hill	173	Kenneth Jewell	212
William Cobleigh, Jr.	174	Noe J. Richards	213
Marion Hayes	175	James Murgatroyd	214
Joyce Jackson	176	George A. Wilkes	215
Ethel C. Robbins	177	Orla Nichols	216
Arthur Conquest	178	Matthew D. Freeman	217
Ormal S. Laffin	179	A. C. Kretschmar	218
Arthur Jalonen	180	Joseph Curtis	219
Arthur Jalonen	181	Joseph Curtis	220
Arthur Parks	182	John A. C. Kimball	221
Ellsworth F. Lank	183	Daniel Flanagan	222
Charles E. Bartlett	184	Kenneth Peterson	223
Everett Maynes	185	Warren E. Hartwell	224
Donald Chisholm	186	Herbert Pratt	225
Marie R. Morrison	187	Thomas C. Ott	226
William Jones	188	Ralph Parsons	227
Modesto Simeone	189	Pev. D. L. Campbell	228
Irving S. Duren, Sr.	190	Thomas Cole	229

Thomas Cole	230	Albert Goddard	269
Gordon Shaw	231	Theodore Weyn	270
Paul Gates, M. D.	232	Theodore Weyn	271
A. C. Gravlin	233	Edmond McNiff	272
A. C. Gravlin	234	Ronald McGerigle	273
A. C. Gravlin	235	Ronald McGerigle	274
William Flannery	236	Ronald McGerigle	275
Exzilda M. Bligh	237	William A. Massie, Jr.	276
Ralph H. Fisher	238	David E. Driscoll	277
Leonard Godfrey, Jr.	239	Jean Hurley	278
Edwin Anderson	240	Robert A. Reid, 3rd	279
E. R. Kelly	241	John A. Brooks	280
A. Perry Marble	242	Norman E. Hollowell	281
Ralph C. Choate	243	Ruth Carter	282
Bernard Harrison	244	Dean Nedza	283
John M. Whittier, Jr.	245	John Lindfors	284
Frederick Heyliger	246	Paul Post	285
William Pyrro	247	Churchill Newman	286
Irving S. Duren, Jr.	248	Safford P. Sweatt	287
Robert W. Kendall	249	Clarence M. Turner	288
Arthur Lowden	250	Donell Boardman, M.D.	289
Jacqueline A. Perry	251	James H. Conquest	290
Ethel L. Todd	252	Frank Mauro	291
Ethel L. Todd	253	Edward J. Higgins	292
Ethel L. Todd	254	John J. Duggan	293
John Canessa	255	Barbara Horn	294
Arthur W. Lee	256	Walter M. Ballard	295
Roland O. Livermore	257	Walter M. Ballard	296
Robert E. Murphy	258	Edward C. Nagel	297
Stephen French	259	George Pederson	298
George Lamont	260	Howard M. Dowd	299
Clesson Bancroft	261	Richard T. Kelley	300
Benjamin Bancroft	262	Beaven Roche	301
Stanley J. Olsen	263	Albert Last	302
Eileen Lowell	264	David Chadwick	303
Benjamin Plume	265	Fraser Laffin	304
L. G. McGlone	266	Hazel Cameron	305
Peter Olsen	267	Glen Rice	306
Harold E. Day	268	Leslie Sturdevant	307

John J. Downey	308	George Clahane	334
John J. Downey	309	George A. Wilkes	335
B. A. King	310	Andrew Braman	336
Lillian Curley	311	Harold Y. Banquer	337
Malcolm Fullonton	312	Gertrude McCrudden	338
Mrs. Michael Travers	313	Warren P. Moland	339
Albert W. Wunderly	314	Frederic W. Hopkins	340
Frank H. Turner	315	Frederic W. Hopkins	341
Edward H. Bentsen	316	David B. McElvein	342
Cecil Balcom	317	William R. McNulty	343
Cecil Balcom	318		
Elwyn Hollowell	319	\$10 Kennel	
Charles Freeman	320	Mrs. Henry Anderson	
Victor Cornellier	321	Edward B. McKinley	
Helen Hollowell	322	Lawrence Donnelly	
Robert E. Woodbine	323	Mrs. Frances Feltus	
Robert E. Woodbine	324	Edith V. Davis	
Cecil Balcom	325	Alice LaTulippe	
Arthur Hurley	326	Jessie C. Woods	
Walther B. Newsham	327	C. J. Farley	
George W. Wetherbee	328	Sherman Sebastian	
Ralph I. Smith	329	John E. Moore, Jr.	
Roger Crafts	330		
Adolph Wattu	331	\$50 Kennel	
Dorothy Wattu	332		
Medville L. Clark	333	Mrs. Charles D. Gray	

307 Licenses at \$2.00	\$614.00
38 Licenses at \$5.00	190.00
1 Licenses at \$50.00	50.00
10 Licenses at \$10.00	100.00
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	\$954.00
Deduct fees 356 licenses at 20c	71.20
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	\$882.80

REVISED JURY LIST — 1952

Precinct I

Frederick T. Heyliger, 16 Newtown Rd., warehouse manager
Walter M. Ballard, 328 Main St., U.S. Army retired
Clinton S. Curtis, 55 Concord Rd., silversmith
Cecil Balcom, 12 Isaac Davis Way, laborer
H. Vaughn Allen, 22 Newtown Rd., fieldman
Richard C. Davis, 31 Hosmer St., pressman
Frank E. Greenough, 36 Newtown Rd., construction
Mary L. Sleeper, 64 Concord Rd., housewife
Priscilla F. Felt, 408 Main St., secretary
E. Wilson Bursaw, 23 Newtown Rd., truck driver
John F. Canessa, 898 Main St., junk dealer
Edmond J. McNiff, 29 Maple Ave., pressman

Precinct II

Harold A. Merriam, 64 Liberty St., superintendent
George C. Rolfe, 106 Main St., insurance agent
Otis J. Reed, 7 Prospect St., bookkeeper
Gerald F. Hollis, 186 School St., linotype operator
Edward M. Carbary, 68 Main St., radio technician
Robert F. Charles, 25 Martin St., chemical engineer
Richard T. Kelley, 268 Main St., ice cream maker
Lucius Tolman, 52 Main St., dry cleaner
Hayward S. Houghton, 266 School St., bank teller
Robert H. Darling, 197 Main St., salesman
Joseph P. DeProspero, 72 Central St., secretary
Eleanor G. Tuttle, 188 Main St., housewife

Precinct III

John J. Onslow, Summer St., manager
Albert S. Cook, 297 Central St., salesman
Donald O. Feltus, 264 Central St., optometrist
Carl R. Godfrey, 28 Windsor Ave., salesman
Harold E. McPhee, 198 Central St., electrical engineer
W. Henry Teele, Mass. Ave., repairman

Richard D. Powderly, 572 Mass. Ave., dairyman
Martin J. Duggan, 320 Arlington St., male nurse
Waldo J. Flint, Central St., pharmacist
George Lamont, Jr., 23 Nashoba Rd., sales engineer
Bradford S. Leach, 29 Elm St., laboratory technician
George E. Neagle, 66 Summer St., draftsman

REPORT OF AUDIT OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

April 4, 1952

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. George S. Braman, Chairman
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from December 15, 1950 to November 24, 1951, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
Director of Accounts

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Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from December 15, 1950, the date of the previous examination, to November 24, 1951, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions as recorded on the books of the departments receiving or disbursing money for the town were examined, checked, and verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were checked with the available departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The ledger accounts were analyzed for the period covered by the audit, the appropriations as recorded on the ledgers were checked with the amounts voted by the town as shown on the town clerk's records of town meetings, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the amounts authorized by the finance committee, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 24, 1951.

In connection with the overdrawn accounts as shown on the balance sheet, attention is called to the provisions of Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws.

It is also recommended that the income from trust funds be withdrawn from the funds before bills chargeable to such income are paid.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and verified by comparison with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury,

while the disbursements were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the payments.

The cash balance on November 24, 1951 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The treasurer's records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The additions to the tax title account were compared with the town collector's books, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust funds in custody of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes, excise, and departmental accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and proved. The payments to the town and district treasurers were verified by comparison with the treasurers' cash books, the abatements as recorded were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding tax, excise, and departmental accounts were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

Verification notices were sent to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and the district, and from the replies received thereto it would appear that the accounts, as now listed, are correct.

Considerable difficulty was again experienced in auditing the town collector's accounts due to errors in posting and addition, and the detailed checking necessary to prove the several tax levies added materially to the cost of the audit.

The provisions of Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, which requires that collections of taxes and interest shall

be paid to the town treasurer once a week or oftener, is again called to the attention of the town collector.

A determined effort should be made by the town collector to secure the settlement of the overdue tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts, some of which extend back as far as 1947.

The cash discrepancy on November 24, 1951, shown as necessary to balance the town collector's cash, was paid into the town treasury on January 29, 1952.

The town clerk's records of dog and sporting licenses were examined and checked, the payments to the State being verified by comparison with the receipts on file and the payments to the town being checked to the treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds of all town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts from selectmen's licenses, of the sealer of weights and measures, of the police, fire and cemetery departments, and of all other departments collecting money for the town were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and town accountant's books.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and town collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

For the cooperation received from all town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

TOWN OF ACTON

BALANCE SHEET

NOVEMBER 24, 1951

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		\$191,136.59
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1947 — Poll	\$ 2.00	
Levy of 1948:		
Poll	70.00	
Personal Property	677.63	
Real Estate	818.78	
Levy of 1949:		
Poll	242.00	
Personal Property	860.10	
Real Estate	2,986.90	
Levy of 1950:		
Poll	360.00	
Personal Property	1,357.56	
Real Estate	10,252.25	
Levy of 1951:		
Poll	616.00	
Personal Property	8,054.18	
Real Estate	34,216.16	
		<hr/> 60,513.56
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1947	\$ 28.64	
Levy of 1948	252.10	
Levy of 1949	1,474.28	
Levy of 1950	4,174.23	
Levy of 1951	3,636.57	
Tax Judgment	502.62	
		<hr/> 10,068.44
Tax Titles	\$ 55.37	
Tax Possessions	400.19	
		<hr/> 455.56
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	\$ 673.36	
Old Age Assistance	1,975.47	
Veterans' Services	163.50	
School	865.02	
Cemetery	105.00	
		<hr/> 3,782.35
Aid to Highways:		

BALANCE SHEET

NOVEMBER 24, 1951

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:

Federal Taxes	\$112.60	
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Fund	186.59	
County Retirement Fund	136.64	
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	19.75	
		\$ 455.58

Dog Licenses — Due County	459.80
Reserve for Unclaimed Checks	144.81
Road Machinery Fund	7,246.73
Sale of Cemetery Land Fund	1,715.35
High School Athletic Fund	108.01
School Milk Fund	108.12

Trust Fund Principal:

Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	31.25
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Trust Funds Income:

Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	\$ 73.52	
J. Roland Wetherbee Cemetery Fund	1.55	
Henry L. Raymond Cemetery Care Fund	18.45	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	200.67	
		294.19

Overestimates 1951:

State Parks and Reservations Assessment	\$ 54.96	
County Hospital Assessment	906.99	
		961.95

Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Administration	\$ 136.61
Aid	1,357.66

Old Age Assistance:

Administration	430.94
Assistance	1,185.02

3,110.23

Unexpended Appropriation Balances	118,123.27
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus	2,748.80

Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1947	\$ 2.00
Levy of 1948	1,060.69
Levy of 1949	2,263.89
Levy of 1950	2,030.58

State	\$14,053.34	
County	4,950.00	
		<hr/> 19,003.34
Underestimate 1951:		
County Tax		425.70
Due from Trust Fund:		
Elizabeth White Charity Fund		150.00
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Election and Registration — Expenses	\$ 89.15	
Fire Department — Expenses	123.08	
Board of Health — Salaries	372.83	
Veterans' Benefits — Expenses	26.35	
Library Books	142.04	
		<hr/> 753.45

\$286,288.99

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Dept	\$21,000.00
	<hr/> \$21,000.00 <hr/>

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$243,710.35
In Custody of Trustees	3,465.54
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\$247,175.89

Levy of 1951	1,816.61	
		<u>7,173.77</u>
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$10,068.44	
Tax Title and Tax Possession	455.56	
Departmental	3,782.35	
Aid to Highways	19,003.34	
		<u>33,309.69</u>
Surplus Revenue:		
Current Year	\$ 9,682.43	
Prior Years	100,615.01	
		<u>110,297.44</u>

\$286,288.99

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Schoolhouse Addition Loan	\$ 6,000.00
Fire House Construction Loan	15,000.00
	<u><u>\$21,000.00</u></u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Betsy Ball Charity Fund	\$10,398.57
Elizabeth White Charity Fund	28,688.48
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund	15,361.07
Charlotte Conant School Fund	1,589.16
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	17,241.40
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	5,339.95
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	757.24
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	61,163.68
Cemetery Surplus Fund	205.71
Hoit and Scott Cemetery Fund	538.35
J. Roland Wetherbee Cemetery Fund	10,267.08
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	1,628.62
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,555.34
Frank C. Hayward Cemetery Fund	1,079.07
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	85,420.94
Henry L. Raymond Cemetery Monument Fund .	791.35
Henry L. Raymond Cemetery Care Fund	1,684.34
	<u>\$243,710.35</u>

In Custody of Trustees:

Charlotte Goodnow Fund	3,465.54
	<u><u>\$247,175.89</u></u>

REPORT OF AUDIT OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

February 3, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Lawrence Donnelly, Chairman
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from November 25, 1951 to November 30, 1952, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG

Director of Accounts

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Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from November 25, 1951, the date of the previous examination, to November 30, 1952, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's books and with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town, while the payments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the books of the treasurer.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, the appropriations as listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, as well as the transfers from the reserve fund authorized by the finance committee, were checked to the town accountant's ledger, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 30, 1952.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds. The cash balance on November 30, 1952 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of cash in the office.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were proved

with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand November 30, 1952 were listed and checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund were examined and listed. The transfers to the town were verified, the income was proved, and the other reported transactions were found to be correct.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax, excise, and departmental accounts outstanding according to the previous audit and all subsequent commitments were audited and proved. The payments to the town and district treasurers were checked to the treasurers' cash books, the abatements as recorded were verified by comparison with the assessors' and other departmental records of abatements granted, and the outstanding tax, excise, and departmental accounts were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

Verification notices were sent to all persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and the district. A large number of claims of payment were received in reply thereto, and all claims were carefully investigated or are in the process of investigation. The taxpayers' claims which were substantiated by presentation of proofs of payment were charged to the collector, and from the remainder of the replies it would appear that the outstanding accounts, as now listed, are substantially correct.

A comparison of the collector's adjusted cash balance on November 30, 1952 with the cash in the office and in the bank showed a cash discrepancy amounting to \$1,361.78. This amount which is due from the collector may subsequently be increased by additional proof of payment of items now carried on the collector's books as outstanding.

A great deal of difficulty was again experienced in auditing the town collector's accounts due to innumerable errors

in posting and addition, and the detailed checking necessary to prove the several tax levies greatly increased the cost of the audit.

The provisions of Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, which requires that collections of taxes and interest shall be paid to the town treasurer once a week or oftener, is again called to the attention of the town collector.

It is again urged that the town collector procure a prompt and complete settlement of all delinquent tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts, some of which date back to 1947.

The town clerk's records of dog and sporting licenses were examined and checked, the payments to the State being verified by comparison with the receipts on file and the payments to the town being checked to the treasurer's books.

The records of receipts of the board of selectmen, the sealer of weights and measures, and the police, fire, health, and cemetery departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the town accountant's books.

The surety bonds furnished by the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's, the town collector's, and the town clerk's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

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TOWN OF ACTON

BALANCE SHEET

November 30, 1952

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		\$611,610.10
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1948:		
Poll	\$ 68.00	
Personal Property	667.23	
Real Estate	255.92	
Levy of 1949:		
Poll	232.00	
Personal Property	841.30	
Real Estate	1,408.35	
Levy of 1950:		
Poll	310.00	
Personal Property	1,109.16	
Real Estate	2,678.11	
Levy of 1951:		
Poll	430.00	
Personal Property	1,156.21	
Real Estate	7,100.85	
Levy of 1952:		
Poll	1,274.00	
Personal Property	4,617.04	
Real Estate	36,106.50	
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		58,254.67
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1947	\$ 28.64	
Levy of 1948	247.65	
Levy of 1949	1,448.61	
Levy of 1950	1,836.53	
Levy of 1951	3,928.18	
Levy of 1952	7,665.98	
Tax Judgment	502.62	
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		15,658.21
Tax Titles	\$ 55.37	
Tax Possessions	400.19	
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		455.56
Departmental		
Public Welfare—General Relief	\$ 564.93	
Disability Assistance	880.18	

BALANCE SHEET

November 30, 1952

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:

Federal Taxes	\$1,074.45
County Retirement System	217.24
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System ..	481.99
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	171.25

\$1,944.93

Collector's Overpayment to Treasurer:

Real Estate Taxes 1948	381.94
Reserve for Unclaimed Checks	144.81
Blanchard Auditorium Gift	150,000.00
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	31.25

Trust Fund Income:

Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	\$ 128.44
Henry L. Raymond Cemetery Care Fund	8.45
Wetherbee Cemetery Gate Fund	16.62
J. Roland Wetherbee Cemetery Fund	15.45
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	15.28

184.24

Premium on School Loans	490.10
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	373.75

Federal Grants:

Disability Assistance:

Administration	\$ 1.34
Assistance	300.86

Aid to Dependent Children:

Administration	161.56
Aid	884.40

Old Age Assistance:

Administration	409.77
Assistance	3,665.66

5,423.59

School Athletic Fund	742.60
Unexpended Appropriation Balance	369,493.43

Overestimate 1952:

County Tax	1,786.50
Road Machinery Fund	8,505.74
Sale of Cemetery Land Fund	2,480.35
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	2,818.34

Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Aid to Dependent Children	826.15
Old Age Assistance	1,632.82
Veterans' Services	867.00
Cemetery	173.00

4,944.08

Aid to Highways:

State	\$10,602.36
County	3,000.00

13,602.36

Underestimates 1952:

Auditing Municipal Accounts	\$ 232.98
State Parks and Reservations Assessment	49.02
County Hospital Assessment	26.53

308.53

Due from Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

7.38

Overdrawn Accounts:

Tree Warden — Expenses	\$ 54.91
Board of Health, Salaries	394.42
School Milk Fund	29.17

478.50

\$705,319.39

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$295,000.00

\$295,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$247,084.56
In Custody of Trustees	3,465.54

Levy of 1948	\$ 991.15
Levy of 1949	2,263.89
Levy of 1950	2,028.58
Levy of 1951	1,758.06
Levy of 1952	2,282.21

9,323.89

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$15,658.21
Tax Title and Possession	455.56
Departmental	4,944.08
Aid to Highway	13,602.36

34,660.21

Surplus Revenue:

Current Year	\$ 3,015.82
Prior Years	113,517.90

116,533.72

\$705,319.39

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Schoolhouse Addition Loan	\$ 5,000.00
Elementary School Loan	290,000.00

\$295,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Betsy Ball Charity Fund	\$10,694.50
Elizabeth White Charity Fund	28,083.53
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund	15,167.19
Charlotte Conant School Fund	1,527.39
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	16,946.84
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	5,741.60
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	776.28
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	64,261.88
Cemetery Surplus Fund	210.35
Hoit and Scott Cemetery Fund	551.74
J. Roland Wetherbee Cemetery Fund	10,476.75
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	1,645.82
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,569.76

\$250,550.10

Frank C. Hayward Cemetery Fund	1,103.42
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	85,788.39
Henry L. Raymond Cemetery Monument Fund .	811.25
Henry L. Raymond Cemetery Care Fund	1,727.87

\$247,084.56

In Custody of Trustees:

Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund	3,465.54
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\$250,550.10

ASSESSORS' REPORT — 1952

Tax assessed as follows:

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$3,950,955.00	
Land	728,290.00	
Personal	595,045.00	
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		\$5,274,290.00

Valuation January 1, 1951 4,681,935.00

Increase in Valuation 592,355.00

Rate of Taxation \$49.00

Real Estate	\$ 229,283.27	
Personal Estate	29,157.24	
Polls	2,282.00	
		<hr/>
		\$ 260,722.51

Amount of money raised:

State Parks Tax	\$ 562.01	
State Audit of Municipal Ac-		
counts	2,007.43	
County Tax	12,302.35	
County Tax, Underestimates		
1951	425.70	
Tuberculosis Hosp. Assessment	3,206.31	
Town Grant	236,377.90	
Overlay	5,840.81	
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		\$ 260,722.51

Added Assessments:

Real Estate	166.60
Personal Estate	29.40

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed, 1824
Total Value of Motor Vehicles and
Trailers \$ 686,400.00

Rate of Excise. \$48.25
Total Excise \$ 32,517.96
Added Excise 1951 \$ 1,073.33

ALBERT P. DURKEE
CARL C. FLINT
JAMES W. BAKER

Board of Assessors

TOWN COLLECTORS REPORT

1948 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952	\$	818.77
Interest	\$	124.37
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	\$	943.14
Paid Treasurer	\$	641.40
Outstanding		255.92

1949 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected, January 1, 1952		2,986.90
Interest		166.80
		<hr/>
		3,153.70
Paid Treasurer	1,745.35	
Outstanding		1,408.35

1950 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952		8,642.94
Interest		379.89
		<hr/>
		9,022.83
Paid Treasurer	6,344.72	
Uncollected		2,678.11

1951 Real Estate

Uncollected January 1, 1952		26,470.52
Refunds		103.40
Interest		535.06
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		27,108.98
Abated	45.50	
Paid Treasurer	20,258.73	
Uncollected		6,804.75

1952 Real Estate Tax

Committed	229,449.87
Refunds	997.15
Interest and costs	78.38

230,525.40

Abated	4,101.30
Paid Treasurer	203,141.45
Uncollected	23,282.65

1948 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952	677.63
Interest .....	.60

678.23

Paid Treasurer	11.00
Uncollected	667.23

1949 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952	860.10
Interest	1.34

861.44

Paid Treasurer	20.14
Uncollected	841.30

1950 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952	1,294.92
Interest	5.03

1,299.95

Paid Treasurer	190.79
Uncollected	1,109.16

1951 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952	7,782.75
Committed	188.00

Interest		21.46
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		7,992.21
Abated	7.05	
Paid Treasurer	6,828.95	
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Uncollected		1,156.21

1952 Personal Property Tax

Committed		29,186.64
Interest		13.29
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		29,199.93
Abated	122.50	
Paid Treasurer	25,272.57	
Uncollected		3,804.86

1948 Poll Tax

Uncollected		70.00
Interest16
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		70.16
Paid Treasurer		2.16
Uncollected		68.00

1949 Poll Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952		242.00
Interest52
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		242.52
Paid Treasurer		10.52
Uncollected		232.00

1950 Poll Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952		360.00
Interest		1.32
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		361.32

Abated	2.00	
Paid Treasurer	49.32	
Uncollected		310.00

1951 Poll Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952		616.00
Refund		2.00
Interest		2.05
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		620.05

Abated	6.00	
Paid Treasurer	194.05	
Uncollected		420.00

1952 Poll Tax

Committed		2,396.00
Abated	264.00	
Paid Treasurer	910.00	
Uncollected		1,222.00

1947 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952		28.64
Uncollected		28.64

1948 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952		252.10
Interest82
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		252.92

Paid Treasurer	5.27	
Uncollected		247.65

1949 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952		1,474.28
Interest		1.96
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		1,476.24

Paid Treasurer	27.63	
Uncollected		1,448.61

1950 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952		4,174.23
Refunds		28.56
Interest		11.47
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		4,214.26
Abated	2,040.00	
Paid Treasurer	337.73	
		2,377.73
Uncollected		1,836.53

1951 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1952		1,799.55
Committed		9,243.13
Refunds		213.84
Interest		33.81
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		11,290.33
Abated	2,456.79	
Paid Treasurer	4,905.36	
Uncollected		3,928.18

1952 Excise Tax

Committed		32,526.55
Refunds		683.97
Interest		10.31
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		33,220.83
Abated	1,168.65	
Paid Treasurer	22,321.58	
Uncollected		9,730.60

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Acton, Massachusetts.

I herewith submit my report for the year 1952:

Cash Balance January 1, 1952 \$137,975.55

Receipts for 1952:

Received from State Treasurer

Highways	\$ 17,425.66
Aid Dependent Children, Fed'l	3,489.30
Old Age Assistance, Federal	26,365.38
Lunch Program, Schools	459.42
Land Taking	4.80
Chapter 90, Highways	7,499.14
Veteran's Services	1,622.75
Old Age Assistance	30,245.68
Income Tax	4,962.50
Aid Dependent Children	3,438.66
Disability Assistance	1,040.27
Corporation Tax	26,112.25
Income Tax	39,356.13
Athletic Fund	10.00
Meal Tax	2,137.70
Disability Assistance, Federal	720.00
Tuition	971.96
Board of Health	383.57
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes ...	1,626.03
Aid and Transportation	135.60
High School Transportation	3,902.63
School Aid	1,437.50
Veteran's Benefit	269.50
War Allowance	100.00

173,716.43

Received from County Treasurer

Dog Refund	801.32
Highways	4,749.25
Dog Officer	175.50

5,726.07

Received from Collector Taxes

Poll Taxes, 1948	2.00
Excise Taxes, 1948	4.45
Personal Taxes, 1948	10.40
Real Estate Taxes, 1948	944.80
Poll Taxes, 1949	10.00
Excise Taxes, 1949	25.67
Personal Taxes, 1949	18.80
Real Estate Taxes, 1949	1,578.55
Poll Taxes, 1950	48.00
Excise Taxes, 1950	326.26
Personal Taxes, 1950	185.76
Real Estate Taxes, 1950	5,964.83
Poll Taxes, 1951	192.00
Excise Taxes, 1951	4,871.55
Personal Taxes, 1951	6,513.74
Real Estate Taxes, 1951	19,587.28
Poll Taxes, 1952	912.00
Excise Taxes, 1952	22,311.30
Personal Taxes, 1952	25,567.73
Real Estate Taxes, 1952	203,191.81
Fees	1.40
Costs	58.10
Interest	1,329.14

293,655.57

Miscellaneous Receipts

Board of Health, Licenses	60.50
Board of Health, Cabin License	1.00
Board of Health, Nurse's Services ..	115.00

Board of Health, Tanks—Cesspools	19.00
Dewey's Market, Inc., License	400.00
Village Package Store, License	400.00
James McDermott, Highways	1.25
Acton High School Fund, Milk Receipts	984.43
Acton High School Fund, Athletic Fund	753.99
Acton High School Fund, Magazines	626.26
Acton High School Fund, Miscellaneous	6.50
Acton High School Fund, Tuition .	25.00
Acton High School Fund, Telephone	18.55
Acton High School Fund, Breakage .	15.22
Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog License	900.80
South Acton Fire Co., Blue Cross ..	568.10
Town of Acton, County Retirement .	2,875.55
Town of Acton, Withholding Taxes .	21,247.75
Town of Acton, Teachers' Retirement	4,423.85
Town of Acton, Blue Cross	1,717.02
Town of Acton, Machinery Account .	3,446.95
A. Perry Marble, Sealer Weights ..	139.70
Henry Johnson, Hall Rent	92.00
C. E. Bartlett, Sealer 1950	1.30
City of Boston, Schools	1,410.68
Director of Standards, Licenses	36.00
Fred Kennedy, Burials	740.00
Fred Kennedy, Lowering Device ...	105.00
Fred Kennedy, Sale Lots	705.00
Fred Kennedy, Liner Install.	45.00
Fred Kennedy, Chapel Fee	60.00
Fred Kennedy, Miscellaneous	70.00
Fred Kennedy, Foundations	111.80
Board of Selectmen, License '51 ...	3.00
Board of Selectmen, Licenses	189.00
Board of Selectmen, Wire Inspector .	538.75
Board of Selectmen, Miscellaneous .	2.70
H. S. MacGregor, Permits	84.50
H. S. MacGregor, Scout Damage ...	30.40

H. S. MacGregor, Fires No Permit .	48.70
Ethel A. Davis, Care of Lots	683.00
Concord District Court, Fines	391.19
Middlesex Fire Ins. Co., Firehouse .	7.20
Mary Lothrop, Library Fines	175.08
Mary Lothrop, Miscellaneous	13.57
Mary Lothrop, Books Sold	7.10
Mary Lothrop, West Branch	6.65
Friendship Fire Co., Tank-Com pressor	50.00
Chief of Police, Revolver Permits ..	18.50
Eastern States Ex., Fire Dept. ....	.13
Town of Boxboro, Tuition	3,887.50
Town of Maynard, Old Age Assist- ance	546.07
West & South Water Dist. Cemetery	8.00
Town of Westford, Tuition	521.05
Town of Winchendon, Old Age Assist.	260.93
Town of Concord, Land Tax	29.91
Town of Stow, Old Age Assistance	47.59
Blanchard Foundation, Auditorium	150,000.00
Center Fire Co., Acton Fire Fund .	90.00
West Fire Co., Acton Fire Fund ...	95.00
South Fire Co., Acton Fire Fund ..	90.00
Chester Robbins, Ins. Prem. Chapel	3.24
Chester Robbins, Ins. Prem. Library	115.94
Hilda Swenson, Old Age Assistance	373.75
City of Malden, Old Age Assistance	265.81
Town of Weston, Old Age Assistance	161.04
C. A. Durkee, Ins. Prem. Refund ..	94.08
City of Boston, Welfare	116.08
Mass. Gen'l Hospital, Old Age Assist.	3.00
Albert Jenks, Con. Old Age Assist.	25.60
Loggie Rest Home, Old Age Assist.	30.00
City of Cambridge, Old Age Assist.	439.74
Townsend Dabney Tyson, School Bond	200,000.00
Townsend Dabney Tyson, School Bonds	90,000.00

Townsend Dabney Tyson, Bond Premium	490.10
Townsend Dabney Tyson, Acc. Interest	386.67
City of Newton, Old Age Assistance	90.84
Perpetual Care Woodlawn Cemetery	
Virginia Aberle	150.00
Ella W. Jacobs	150.00
Anders Christofferson	100.00
Elizabeth S. Piper	150.00
Edna Peppard	200.00
Emerick P. Gates	300.00
Emma Keddy	100.00
Isabella Choate	150.00
Est. Charles E. Smith	200.00
Victor Mason	75.00
Perpetual Care Mt. Hope Cemetery	
Harry Turner	75.00
Elwyn and Ida Harris	100.00
Raymond Cross	100.00
Henry K. Doyle	75.00
H. T. and E. W. Clark	50.00
Transfers to Town Account	
Georgia E. Whitney Fund	400.00
Elizabeth White Fund	1,150.00
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	25.00
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	50.00
Acton Memorial Library Fund	595.35
Cemetery Fund	775.00
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	2,100.00
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	92.00
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund ...	25.00
Acton High School Fund	101.24

499,833.20

Trust Fund Income

Frank C. Hayward Fund	22.50
Hoit and Scott Fund	12.50

Elizabeth White Fund	670.10
Georgia E. Whitney Fund	360.39
Memorial Library Fund	312.17
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	2,200.34
Cemetery Fund	1,456.01
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	253.12
Betsy M. Ball Fund	288.73
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	39.38
Henry S. Raymond Fund	43.53
Acton High School Library	37.50

5,696.27

Total Cash Receipts for 1952 ..	\$ 978,627.54
Cash Balance January 1, 1952 .	137,975.55

\$1,116,603.09

Pavments for 1952 Selectmen's Orders	707,038.75
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Cash Balance December 31, 1952 ..	\$ 409,564.34
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OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS DECEMBER 31, 1952

High School Addition Notes, 172-176 due 1952 to 1957	\$ 5,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, Chap. 44, General Laws, 1-90 due 1953 to 1970	90,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, Chap. 645, Acts 1948, 1-200 due 1953 to 1972	200,000.00

SUSAN NOYES HOSMER FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 82,238.95
Unexpended Balance	2,513.24

\$84,752.19

Received interest for 1952	2,316.32
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	\$87,068.51
Balance December 31, 1952	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 84,968.51
Transfer to Town Account	2,100.00
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	\$ 87,068.51

CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 58,247.21
Unexpended Balance	3,354.61
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	\$ 61,601.82
Received for Perpetual Care 1952 ..	1,975.00
Received Interest for 1952	1,564.87
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	3,539.87
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	\$ 65,141.69

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances In Savings Banks	\$ 56,766.69
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G	7,600.00
Transfer to Town Account	775.00
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	\$ 65,141.69

ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 25,000.00
Unexpended Balance	2,705.68
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	\$ 27,705.68
Received Interest for 1952	727.85
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	\$ 28,433.53

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 27,308.53
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1952	1,125.00
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	\$ 28,433.53

WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 16,464.90
Unexpended Balance	626.50
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	\$ 17,091.40
Received Interest for 1952	450.79
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	\$ 17,542.19

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 15,946.84
West Shore R. R. Bond	1,000.00
Transfer to Town Account	595.35
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	\$ 17,542.19

GEORGIA E. WHITNEY FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 14,073.70
Unexpended Balance	937.37
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	\$ 15,011.07
Received Interest for 1952	381.12
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	\$ 15,392.19

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 14,992.19
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1952	400.00
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	\$ 15,392.19

LUKE BLANCHARD CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Balance	\$ 1,530.34
Received Interest for 1952	39.42

\$ 1,569.76

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 1,544.76
Transfer to Town Account	25.00

\$ 1,569.76

CEMETERY SURPLUS FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Balance	\$ 205.71
Received Interest for 1952	4.64

\$ 210.35

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Bank	\$ 210.35
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WEST ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Balance	\$ 757.24
Received Interest for 1952	19.04

\$ 776.28

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 776.28
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ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 4,660.00
Unexpended Balance	679.95

\$ 5,339.95

Received to Fund in 1952

Company Salaries	\$ 275.00	
Interest	216.54	
		491.54
		\$ 5,831.49

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 5,739.49	
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1952	92.00	
		\$ 5,831.49

HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND

Monument Perpetual Care

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 700.00	
Unexpended Balance	91.35	
		\$ 791.35
Received Interest for 1952		19.90
		\$ 811.25

Balance December 31, 1952

Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 811.25	
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ACTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 1,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	89.16	
		\$ 1,589.16
Received Interest for 1952		39.47
		\$ 1,628.63

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balance in Savings Banks	\$ 1,527.39
Transfer to Town Account	101.24
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	\$ 1,628.63

HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Unexpended Balance	184.34
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	\$ 1,684.34

Received to Fund in 1952

Bequest	\$ 500.00
Interest for 1952	43.53
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	543.53
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	\$ 2,227.87

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 2,227.87
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GEORGIA E. WHITNEY CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Unexpended Balance	128.62
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	\$ 1,628.62
Received Interest for 1952	42.20
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	\$ 1,670.82

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 1,645.82
Transfer to Town Account	25.00
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	\$ 1,670.82

FRANK C. HAYWARD FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Unexpended Balance	79.07

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Received Interest for 1952		24.35
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		\$ 1,103.42

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 1,103.42
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HOIT AND SCOTT CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 500.00
Unexpended Balance	38.35

	<hr/>	\$ 538.35
Received Interest for 1952		13.39
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		\$ 551.74

Balance December 31, 1952

U. S. Savings Bond Series D	\$ 500.00
Bank Balance in Savings Bank	51.74

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J. ROLAND WETHERBEE CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Unexpended Balance	267.08

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Received Interest for 1952		259.67
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		\$ 10,526.75

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 10,476.75
Transfer to Town Account	50.00
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	\$ 10,526.75

BETSY M. BALL FUND

Balance January 1, 1952

Principal Fund	\$ 10,095.26
Unexpended Balance	303.31
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	\$ 10,398.57
Received Interest for 1952	295.93
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	\$ 10,694.50

Balance December 31, 1952

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 10,694.50
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THE BLANCHARD AUDITORIUM FUND

Principal Fund. August 1952	\$150,000.00
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Balance December 31, 1952

National Shawmut Bank of Boston ..	\$150,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,

WM. HENRY SOAR,

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

INVESTMENTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$ 465.54	
U. S. War Bonds	3,000.00	
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		\$3,465.54

RECEIPTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$ 12.20	
U. S. War Bonds	75.00	
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		\$ 87.20

EXPENDITURES

Treasurer of the Evangelical Church In Acton	\$ 67.20	
Town of Acton for perpetual care of Goodnow Lot in Woodlawn Cemetery	20.00	
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		\$ 87.20

ROY F. LINSOTT
HORACE F. TUTTLE
Trustees of Goodnow Fund

REPORT OF ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

Seventeen cases have been carefully investigated and this Committee has signed orders to the Treasurer for the sum of eleven hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1125.00).

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA L. SAWYER
THELMA M. BLOOD
Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The accompanying report covers the financial transactions of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1952, and consists of the following:

- I. Summary of Appropriations, Transfers and Expenditures.
- II. Schedule of Receipts and Departmental Payments.
- III. Balance Sheet.

The Funded Debt of the Town has increased \$290,000.00 to finance the construction of the Elementary School. The amortization schedule of this bond issue requires an annual payment of \$15,000.00 and the amount due on the High School Addition loan is \$1,000.00, making a total maturing debt of \$16,000.00 in 1953.

The Town Collector's report has been prepared subject to adjustments resulting from the 1952 State Audit.

The amount of the discrepancy as of the audit date is designated in their most recent report published in this volume.

I have verified the accounts of the Treasurer and have checked the various funds in the custody of the Treasurer and Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD O. NYLANDER,
Town Accountant

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Appropriated	Expended	Balance
Selectmen's Dept. Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,975.00		
R	32.70	\$ 3,007.70	\$ —
Selectmen's Dept. Expenses	700.00	560.32	139.68
Finance Committee	75.00	35.25	39.75
Moderator	35.00		
R	20.00	55.00	—
Treasurer, Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
Treasurer, Expenses	350.00		
R	387.20	733.39	3.81
Collector, Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	—
Collector, Expenses	300.00		
R	75.00	332.75	42.25
Accountant, Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
Accountant, Expenses	175.00	174.88	.12
Clerk, Salaries and Wages	550.00	550.00	—
Clerk, Expenses	200.00		
R	41.00	241.00	—
Elections and Registrations			
Salaries and Wages	1,351.00		
R	116.00	1,466.95	.05
Elections and Registrations			
Expenses	675.00		
R	14.00	688.15	.85
Assessors' Salaries	2,850.00	2,772.25	77.75
Assessors' Expenses	400.00	197.72	202.28

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds,			
Salaries and Wages	3,200.00	2,499.35	700.65
Buildings and Grounds Expenses	4,700.00		
S	100.00	4,087.11	712.89
Buildings and Grounds, Art. 38			
(1951) Painting Town Hall	B 1,200.00	900.00	300.00
Buildings and Grounds, Art. 35			
Power Mower, Town Common	300.00	223.80	76.20

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept. Salaries and Wages	11,230.00	11,174.90	55.10
Police Dept. Expenses	2,250.00		
R	65.00	2,313.36	1.64
Police Dept. New Cruiser. Art. 18	500.00	500.00	—
Traffic Zone Signs, Art. 38	1,000.00	756.48	243.52
Fire Dept. Salaries and Wages	4,030.00	3,674.30	355.70

Fire Dept. Expenses	3,060.00		
R	530.01	3,590.01	—
Fire Dept. Fire Hose, Art. 28	1,750.00	1,746.45	3.55
Fire Dept. Forest Fires	2,000.00	1,784.15	215.85
Fire Alarm System—Batteries			
Art. 24	300.00	290.00	10.00
Fire Alarm System—West Acton			
Art. 27	2,500.00	2,500.00	—
Fire Alarm System Labor	2,700.00	1,285.48	1,414.52
Fire Alarm System Expenses	600.00	423.56	176.44
Fire Hydrant Rental	4,700.00	4,505.00	195.00
Two-Way Radio, Emergency Truck			
Art. 37	550.00	550.00	—
Air Compressor, South Acton Art. 26	550.00	390.00	
S		100.00	60.00
Moth Dept. Salary and Wages	1,500.00	1,499.85	.15
Moth Dept. Expenses	1,200.00	1,198.84	1.16
Dutch Elm Disease, Art. 21	1,000.00	999.95	.05
Tree Warden, Salary and Wages	1,750.00	1,598.93	
S		150.00	1.07
Tree Warden, Expenses	750.00		
S	150.00	899.83	.17
Replacement of Shade Trees Art. 16 ..	250.00	248.75	1.25
Eradication of Poison Ivy, Art. 20	1,000.00	995.50	4.50
Sealer of Weights and Measures			
Salary	250.00	250.00	—
Sealer of Weights and Measures			
Expenses	50.00	33.73	16.27
Wire Inspector, Salary and Travel ...	550.00	550.00	—
Wire Inspector, Expenses	50.00	50.00	—
Dog Officer	450.00	450.00	—

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salary and Wages ..	4,614.00		
S	1,100.00		
R	1,100.00	6,746.08	67.92
Board of Health, Expenses	2,446.00	2,960.72	
R	1,619.72	S 1,100.00	5.00
Garbage Collections	2,300.00	2,200.00	100.00
Inspector of Animals, Salary	150.00	150.00	—
Inspector of Animals, Expenses	25.00	12.20	12.80

HIGHWAYS

Village Highways	3,000.00	2,994.88	5.12
Chapter 81	8,550.00		
G	15,675.00	24,224.09	.91
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00		
G	2,000.00	2,999.03	.97

Chapter 90 Construction	3,000.00		
	G 9,000.00	11,999.67	.33
Culverts, Art. 11 (1951)	B 4,000.00		4,000.00
Signs and Lines	500.00	498.81	1.19
Snow Removal	15,000.00	13,854.17	1,145.83
Road Machinery	2,500.00	2,160.96	339.04
Street Lighting	6,000.00	5,722.48	277.52
Snow Fence, Art. 19	200.00	200.00	—
Laurel Court, Art. 29	400.00	330.86	69.14

CHARITIES

Public Welfare, Temporary Aid	4,350.00	3,040.17	
	S 600.00		709.83
Public Welfare Administration	600.00		
	G 159.48	759.48	—
Welfare District, Art. 5	2,800.00	2,000.00	800.00
Old Age Assistance	41,000.00		
	B 3,980.15		
	G 25,954.76	67,691.75	3,243.16
Aid to Dependent Children	6,000.00		
	R 300.00	6,000.00	300.00
	B 1,099.96		
	G 3,893.35	4,009.52	983.79
Disability Assistance	1,500.00		
	R 1,200.00		
	S 600.00	2,922.40	377.60
	G 720.00	379.14	340.86

VETERANS AID

Salary, Agent	150.00	150.00	—
Expenses	150.00	112.00	38.00
Expenditures	5,000.00	4,892.00	108.00
Veterans Services, Salaries	1,050.00	810.75	239.25
Veterans Services, Expenses	50.00	42.12	7.88

EDUCATION

Salaries	110,000.00	109,876.12	
	S 100.00		23.88
Fuel	4,500.00	3,194.44	
	S 1,200.00		105.56
Books and Supplies	5,800.00		
	R 200.00	5,986.24	13.76
Transportation	8,500.00	8,400.00	
	S 100.00		—
Supplies, Power, Rent and Repairs etc.	7,100.00		
	S 1,600.00	8,695.38	4.62
Outlay	1,200.00	1,197.90	2.10
Library	100.00	98.90	1.10

Health	500.00	268.15	
	S	200.00	31.85
Milk Account	200.00		
	B	129.46	
	Receipts	1,443.85	1,733.28 40.03
Athletic Account	500.00		
	B	165.86	
	Receipts	1,396.75	1,531.48 531.13
School Building Comm.	B	688.35	318.48 369.87
Vocational Tuition		2,000.00	1,384.60 615.40
School Building, Art. 7		10,000.00	9,830.00 170.00
School Land Purchase		15,000.00	— 15,000.00
Auditorium and Gymnasium Land			
Purchase	15,000.00	5,466.25	9,533.75
Regional School District Planning			
Comm.	500.00	—	500.00
Auditorium and Gymnasium Building			
Comm.	5,000.00	75.00	4,925.00
Motion Picture Projector, Art. 23	500.00	500.00	—
Elementary School Building	L 290,000.00	64,156.35	225,843.65

LIBRARIES

Salaries	1,500.00	1,471.50	28.50
Expenses	1,030.00	945.93	84.07
Books	400.00		
	B	7.96	
	T	350.00	753.41 4.55
Redecorate Interior of Memorial Library,			
Art. 17 (1951)	B	375.00	— 375.00
Murray Brown Fund	T	245.35	245.35 —

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages	7,300.00	7,300.00	—
Expenses	2,100.00	2,097.03	2.97
Trimmer and Mower, Art. 30	550.00	545.00	5.00
Lowering Device, Art. 31	500.00	483.12	16.88
Mt. Hope Clearing and Grading	B	500.00	— 500.00
Mt. Hope Oiling, Art. 27 (1951) ...	B	800.00	350.92 449.08
Woodlawn Purchase of Land, Art. 41			
(1951)	B	8,200.00	8,199.00 1.00
Woodlawn Clearing and Grading ...	B	1,000.00	— 1,000.00
Perpetual Care	B	200.67	
	T	775.00	806.15 169.52
Hosmer Fund	B	88.05	
	T	2,100.00	1,910.83 277.22
Roland Wetherbee Fund	B	1.55	
	T	50.00	36.10 15.45

Raymond Fund	B	18.45	10.00	8.45
Wetherbee Gate Fund	B	16.62	16.62	—
Georgia Whitney Fund	T	25.00	9.72	15.28
Luke Blanchard Fund	T	25.00	25.00	—

RECREATION

Playgrounds		2,200.00	995.98	1,204.02
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MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST

Maturing Debt		1,000.00	1,000.00	—
Interest		225.00	90.00	135.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Miscellaneous Expenses		1,600.00	482.81	1,117.19
Town Reports		1,000.00	905.80	94.20
Surety Bonds		600.00	478.00	122.00
Liability Insurance, Art. 36		750.00		
	R	113.58	863.58	—
Insurance, Town Bldg. Art. 34		3,000.00	2,830.77	169.23
Memorial Day		500.00	499.75	.25
Workmen's Compensation		1,750.00		
	R	185.58	1,935.58	—
Civil Defense	B	2,126.66	285.92	1,840.74
Pension Fund		1,689.00	1,689.00	—
Expense Fund		153.00	153.00	—
Military Service Fund		33.00	32.16	.84
Town Forest Committee	B	500.00	—	500.00
Town Forest, Cutting Brush, Art. 25 (1951)		250.00		
	B	152.40	149.58	252.82

\$784,635.47 S 3,550.00 \$284,327.32

Sub-Total of Cash Expenditures 496,758.15

NO APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Withholding Taxes	\$ 21,115.95
Massachusetts Hospital Service	2,268.72
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	4,423.85
Middlesex County Retirement	2,759.82
Middlesex County Dog Licenses	888.80
Middlesex County Tax	10,515.85
Middlesex County Hospital Assessment	3,232.84

State Audit	2,240.41
State Parks	611.03
Refund on Taxes	2,028.92
Trust Accounts	2,250.00
Interest on Trust Funds	5,696.27
Bond Issue	4.80
Trust Fund Expenditures	1,642.00
Conant Library Fund	101.24
Cemetery Land Fund, Refund	10.00
Premium Received on Elementary School Bonds	490.10
Blanchard Auditorium Fund	150,000.00
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Total Cash Expenditures	\$707,038.75
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KEY

B—Balance

G—Grants

R—Reserve Fund

T—Transfers

L—Bond Issue

S—Transfers authorized at Special Town Meeting,
December 1, 1952

CASH RECEIPTS AND DEPARTMENTAL PAYMENTS

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

Receipts

Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1952\$137,975.55

Treasurer's Itemized Report 978,627.54

Total Cash \$1,116,603.09

Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen's Department

Salaries and Wages:

Lawrence Donnelly 383.33

George S. Braman 316.67

Arthur W. Lee 300.00

Virginia Milbery, Clerk 1,962.50

Clerical Assistance 45.20

3,007.70

Expenses:

Postage 37.88

Stationery 24.94

Legal Expense 420.10

Association Dues 31.00

Sundry Items 46.40

560.32

Finance Committee

Expenses:

Association Dues 10.00

Association Meetings 25.25

35.25

Moderator

Salary:

Albert P. Durkee 55.00

Treasurer

Salary:

William Henry Soar	1,000.00
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Expenses:

Postage	130.57
Telephone	35.83
Stationery and Printing	66.69
School Bond Expense	412.20
Record Books	21.00
Stenographic Services	42.00
Sundry Items	25.10

733.39

Collector of Taxes

Salary:

Ethel A. Davis	1,800.00
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Expenses:

Books and Printing	202.38
Postage	106.12
Association Dues	2.00
Association Meetings	10.00
Sundry Items	12.25

332.75

Town Accountant

Salary:

Donald O. Nylander	1,000.00
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Expenses:

Record Books	12.10
Printing	145.15
Sundry Items	17.63

174.88

Town Clerk

Salary:

Harlan E. Tuttle	400.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, recording vital statistics	51.50

Clerical Assistance	98.50
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550.00

Expenses:

Stationery and Printing	181.23
Association Dues	5.00
Association Meetings	10.00
Telephone	44.77

241.00

Elections and Registrations

Salaries and Wages:

Julia A. Barry	150.00
Grace C. Cullinane	150.00
James B. Wilson	150.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, clerk	50.00
Payrolls, elections	840.00
Posting Warrants and Notifying Officers Elected	60.00
Other Wages	66.95

1,466.95

Expenses:

Printing Warrants, Voting Lists, Books and Ballots	503.15
Rentals for Voting	105.00
Amplifier System—Town Meet- ings	80.00

688.15

Assessors

Salaries and Wages:

Albert P. Durkee	934.00
Carl C. Flint	783.00
James A. Baker	783.00
Marion Baker, clerk	272.25

2,772.25

Expenses:

Forms and Printing	74.75
Association Dues	9.00
Transfers and Probates	50.97
Attending Meetings	45.00
Sundry Items	18.00

197.72

Buildings and Grounds**Salaries and Wages:**

Custodial Services	1,325.00
Care of Grounds	609.20
Payrolls, Highway Dept.	565.15

2,499.35

Expenses:

Heat	973.63
Light	424.38
Telephone	257.48
Water	24.00
United States and Mass. Flags	129.26
Paint and Hardware	227.79
Fertilizer, Loam, Seed, etc. ...	85.86
Building Repairs	1,964.71

4,087.11

Power Mower — Town Common — Article 35

Middlesex Implement Co.	223.80
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Painting Exterior Town Hall — Article 38 (1951)

Fullonton and Decker	900.00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**Police Department****Salaries and Wages:**

Michael Foley, Chief	3,640.00
Regular Officers	7,388.00

Special Officers	146.90
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11,174.90

Expenses:

Police Cruiser

Gas and Oil	1,228.07
Parts and Repairs	268.30
Lettering Cruiser	15.00
Insurance	13.20

1,524.57

Other

Telephone	244.49
Radio Service	106.40
Chiefs' Meetings	13.00
Association Dues	5.00
Uniforms	270.90
Stationery and Printing	82.75
Flashlights and Batteries	21.30
Gun Supplies	34.50
Sundry Items	10.45

788.79

Police Cruiser — Article 18

Great Road Garage	500.00
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Traffic Zone Signs — Article 38

State Prison	662.75
New England Fence Co.	80.50
Express	8.85
Repairs to Sign Posts	4.38

756.48

Fire Department

Salaries and Wages:

H. S. MacGregor, Chief	500.00
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Annual Salaries	815.00
Pay Rolls, fires	1,639.30
Pay Rolls, janitors	720.00

3,674.30

Expenses:

Fuel	810.78
Lights	180.71
Telephone	307.44
Gas and Oil	181.57
Association Dues	6.00
Meeting Expense	194.00
Towel Service	21.50
Water	72.00
Repairs and Parts for Equip- ment	666.96
Extinguishers and supplies ...	542.45
Stationery and Printing	7.25
Hose	207.51
Uniforms and Protective cloth- ing	228.10
Sundry Supplies	163.74

3,590.01

Fire Hose — Article 28

Charles H. Clougherty Co.	31.45
Justin A. McCarthy Co.	1,715.00

1,746.45

Forest Fires ..

Payrolls	1,784.15
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Fire Alarm System — Batteries — Article 24

Louis W. Bills	290.00
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Fire Alarm System—West Acton Extension—Article 27

Louis W. Bills	2,500.00
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Fire Alarm System Maintenance

F. W. Rimbach	910.00
Other Services	375.48
Expenses	423.56

1,709.04

Fire Hydrant Rental

Acton Water District	4,275.00
Town of Concord	230.00

4,505.00

Two Way Radio — Fire Truck — Article 37

Farrar Co.	550.00
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Air Compressor — South Acton — Article 26

Louis W. Bills	390.00
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Meth Department

Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt.	629.15
Payrolls	870.70

1,499.85

Expenses:

Truck	475.35
Gas and Oil	78.93
Equipment and Repairs	192.40
Insecticide	434.60
Sundry Items	17.56

1,198.84

Dutch Elm Disease — Article 21

Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt.	162.30
Payrolls	216.15

378.45

Expenses:

Truck	141.50
Brewer Tree Co.	480.00

621.50

Tree Warden**Wages:**

Franklin Charter, Supt.	663.15
Payrolls	935.78

1,598.93

Expenses:

Truck	677.75
Gas and Oil	30.88
Repairs and Parts for Equip- ment	127.23
Sundry Items	63.97

899.83

Replacement of Shade Trees — Article 16

Franklin Charter, Supt.	27.00
Payrolls	13.20
Truck	15.00
Clark's Nursery, Trees	193.55

248.75

Eradication of Poison Ivy — Article 20

Charter Tree Service	995.50
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Town Forest — Cutting Brush

Payrolls	126.50
Signs	23.08

149.58

Sealer of Weights and Measures**Salary:**

A. Perry Marble, Sealer	250.00
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Expenses:	
Books, seals, etc.	33.73

Wire Inspector

Salary and Travel:	
B. D. Goss	550.00

Expenses:	
Stationery and Printing	32.75
Postage and Telephone	12.25
Association Dues	5.00
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	50.00

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser	112.00
Fraser Kennels, Keeping and destroying 52 dogs	338.00
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	450.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Salaries and Wages:	
Dr. Orma L. Clark, Chairman	25.00
Herbert Leusher	15.00
Martin Duggan	10.00
Lillian Taylor, Town Nurse	2,147.94
Eileen Hale, Town Nurse	954.64
Hazel Vose, Town Nurse	520.00
Town Dump Payroll	2,594.40
Edward J. Higgins, Agent	246.10
Francis B. Whouley, Inspector	223.00
Francis B. Whouley, Agent	10.00
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	6,746.08

Expenses:	
Middlesex County Sanatorium	576.00
Diphtheria Clinic	65.00

Nurse Auto Expense	812.27
Dump	425.33
Printing and Stationery	60.05
Medical Supplies	65.01
Agents Expense	527.77
Inspectors Expense	241.46
Board Member Expense	61.00
Hospital Expense	32.00
Laboratory Fees	25.00
Sundry Items	69.83

2,960.72

Garbage Disposal

Henry Anderson, Contract	2,200.00
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Inspector of Animals

Salary—Arno H. Perkins	150.00
Sundry Expenses	12.20

HIGHWAYS

Village

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	507.00
Payrolls	1,407.50

Expenses:

Trucks	382.85
Cold Patch	179.56
Sand and Gravel	139.48
Welding	24.48
Paint	63.01
Bristle Strips	125.40
Brush Killer	50.70
Sundry Items	114.90

2,994.88

Chapter 81

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	2,088.00
Payrolls	7,347.25

Expenses:

Trucks	835.20
Machinery Rental	4,817.55
Cold Patch and Asphalt	5,851.41
Stone, Sand and Gravel	868.35
Calcium Chloride	99.88
Cable Guard and Posts	2,181.75
Cement and Cement Brick	134.70

24,224.09

Chapter 90 — Maintenance

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	51.00
Payrolls	174.20

Expenses:

Trucks	20.40
Rental of Machinery	451.90
Cold Patch and Asphalt	2,042.78
Stone, Sand and Gravel	258.75

2,999.03

Chapter 90 — Construction

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	571.50
Payrolls	2,255.95

Expenses:

Trucks	228.60
Rental of Machinery	2,614.20
Cold Patch and Asphalt	1,067.60
Stone, Sand and Gravel	5,237.42
Cement	24.40

11,999.67

Signs and Lines

Signs	279.15
Express on Signs	7.66
Painting Lines	212.00

498.81

Snow Removal

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	856.50
Payrolls	2,941.95

Expenses:

Trucks	1,526.15
Sander	1,549.50
Plowing	2,902.75
Sand	910.40
Salt	1,560.00
Gas and Oil	225.16
Forecast Service	150.00
Parts and Repairs on Equip- ment	1,231.76

13,854.17

Road Machinery

Gas and Oil	568.76
Parts and Repairs on Equip- ment	1,485.46
Sundry Items	106.74

2,160.96

Street Lighting

Boston Edison Co.	5,722.48
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Snow Fence — Article 19

New England Fence Co.	200.00
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Laurel Court — Article 29

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	24.00
Payrolls	94.40

Trucks	9.60
Asphalt	146.11
Sand and Gravel	56.75

330.86

CHARITIES

Public Welfare

Temporary Aid:

Cash Payments	2,010.78
Provisions	343.38
Light and Fuel	101.70
Medical Aid	513.89
Paid to Other Cities and Towns	70.42

3,040.17

Administrative

Salaries:

Walter Stevens	125.00
A. Perry Marble	75.00
Lossie E. Laird	75.00
Lossie E. Laird, Agent	200.00
Virginia Milbery, Clerk	255.90
Vesta Thompson, Clerk	5.44

Expenses:

Meeting and Travel Expense ..	13.14
Stationery and Printing	10.00

759.48

Welfare District

Nashoba Public Welfare District ..	2,000.00
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Old Age Assistance

Cash Aid to Individuals	41,000.00
Aid by Other Cities and Towns	1,179.71

Federal Grant:

Cash Aid to Individuals 25,512.04

67,691.75

Aid to Dependent Children

Cash Aid to Individuals—Town .. 6,000.00

Cash Aid to Individuals — Federal

Grant 4,009.52

10,009.52

Disability Assistance

Cash Aid to Individuals—Town .. 2,922.40

Cash Aid to Individuals — Federal

Grant 379.14

3,301.54

VETERANS' AID**Veterans' Benefits****Salary:**

Edward J. Higgins, Agent 150.00

Administrative:

Travel Expense, Postage and
telephone 112.00

Cash Aid to Veterans 4,892.00

Veterans' Services**Salary and Wages:**

Theron A. Lowden, Director .. 735.00

Geraldene Prentiss, clerk 75.75

810.75

Expenses:

Stationery and Printing 32.12

Postage 10.00

42.12

EDUCATION

Salaries:

Teachers	100,339.64
Janitors	9,536.48

109,876.12

Expenses:

Fuel	3,194.44
Books and Supplies	5,986.24
Transportation	8,400.00
Supplies, Power, Rent, Repairs, etc.	8,695.38
Outlay	1,197.90
Library	98.90
Health	268.15

27,841.01

Milk and Lunch Account	1,733.28
Athletic Account	1,531.48
Vocational Tuition and Transpor- tation	1,384.60
School Building, Article 7	9,830.00
Auditorium and Gymnasium Land Purchase	5,466.25
School Building Committee	318.48
Auditorium and Gymnasium Build- ing Committee	75.00
Motion Picture Projector— Article 23	500.00

LIBRARIES

Salaries and Wages:

Librarians:

Mary Lothrop	918.00
Edith A. Hopkinson	157.50
Barbara Nylander	21.00
Custodial Services	375.00

1,471.50

Expenses:

Fuel	495.69
Light	114.75
Water	24.00
Stationery and Printing	23.26
Repairs	165.06
Insurance	31.62
Sundry Items	91.55

945.93

Library Books

Books and Magazines	753.41
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CEMETERIES**Salaries and Wages:**

Frederick S. Kennedy, Supt. ...	3,000.50
Payrolls	4,299.50

7,300.00

Expenses:

Fuel Oil and Heater Service ...	230.67
Lights	53.45
Repairs to Equipment	216.55
Seed, fertilizer, etc.	350.18
Gas and Oil	48.53
Water	50.59
Hardware, pipe, paint, etc.	221.01
Lime, lumber and cement	22.20
Printing	6.00
Trucking	551.08
Flowers	36.00
Painting Woodlawn Chapel	45.00
Sundry Items	265.77

2,097.03

Lowering Device — Article 31

Mills Cemetery Equipment Co.	483.12
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Mt. Hope Oiling—Article 27 (1951)

Utility Oil Co.	275.17
Assabet Sand and Gravel Co. ..	75.75

350.92

Woodlawn Purchase of Land—Article 41 (1951)

Chester B. and Fred L. Robbins	8,049.00
Caiger and Gramkow	150.00

8,199.00

Trimmer and Mower—Article 30

Acton Supply, Inc.	181.00
Power Lawn Mower Service Co.	364.00

545.00

Perpetual Care

Payrolls	705.00
Flowers	53.30
Lime, fertilizer and loam	47.85

806.15

Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund

Payrolls	996.20
Supplies	185.32
Trees	77.50
Asphalt for Woodlawn Cemetery	213.39
Sand	33.75
Trucking	96.45
Loam and Fertilizer	120.00
Sundry Items	188.22

1,910.83

Private Trust Funds

J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	36.10
Georgia A. Whitney Fund	9.72
Luke Blanchard Fund	25.00

Raymond Fund	10.00
Wetherbee Gate Fund	16.62

RECREATION

Frederick W. Rimbach, Supt. . .	260.00
Payrolls	219.78
Gas and Oil	44.86
Water	24.00
Salt and Lime	12.30
Skating Rink	295.00
Repairs and Parts for Equip- ment	111.25
Sundry Items	28.79
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	995.98

Maturing Debt and Interest

High School Addition	1,000.00
Interest	90.00
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	1,090.00

Unclassified

Mimeograph Work—Zoning	
Comm.	33.00
Search for Lost Boy	37.05
Advertising	54.00
Delivery of Special Town Meet- ing Warrants	77.26
Substitute Nurse Expense	96.00
Printing Treasurer's Checks ..	25.00
Typewriter—Collector's Office	125.00
Public Celebrations	35.50
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	482.81

Town Reports

Concord Press, Inc.	886.00
Delivering Reports	19.80

905.80

Surety Bonds

Collector	292.50
Treasurer	178.00
Town Clerk	7.50

478.00

Insurance

Liability	863.58
Workmen's Compensation	1,935.58
Town Buildings	2,830.77

Memorial Day

23rd Infantry Band	225.00
Flowers	112.50
Wreaths	15.00
Flags	64.80
Buses	60.00
Refreshments	22.45

499.75

Civil Defense

Communication Equipment and Service	193.95
Blood Typing Program	6.70
Badges and Whistles	78.00
Sundry Items	7.27

285.92

Pensions

Pension Fund	1,689.00
Expense Fund	153.00

Military Service Fund 32.16

1,874.16

No Appropriation Accounts

Withholding Taxes	21,115.95
Massachusetts Hospital Service	2,268.72
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	4,423.85
Middlesex County Retirement ..	2,759.82
Middlesex County Dog Licenses	888.80
Middlesex County Tax	10,515.85
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State Audit	2,240.41
State Parks	611.03
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Trust Accounts	2,250.00
Interest on Trust Funds	5,696.27
Bond Issue	4.80
Trust Fund Expenditures	1,642.00
Conant Library Fund	101.24
Elementary School Building ...	64,156.35
Murray Brown Fund	245.35
Cemetery Land Fund—Refund	10.00
Premium Received on Elementary School Bonds	490.10
Blanchard Auditorium Fund—In escrow	150,000.00

274,682.30

Total Expenditures 707,038.75

Cash Balance, Town Funds, December 31, 1952 409,564.34

\$1,116,603.09

Reserve Fund Transfers

Board of Health—Salaries	1,100.00
Board of Health—Expenses . . .	1,619.72
Disability Assistance	1,200.00
Liability Insurance—Article 36	113.58
Workmen's Compensation	185.58
Aid to Dependent Children	300.00
Collector—Expenses	75.00
Elections and Registrations— Salaries	116.00
Elections and Registrations — Expenses	14.00
Fire Department—Expense . . .	530.01
Treasurer—Expense	387.20
School Department — Expense (Books)	200.00
Selectmen—Salaries	32.70
Moderator	20.00
Town Clerk—Expense	41.00
Police Department—Expense . .	65.00
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	5,999.79
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Machinery Fund

Balance January 1, 1952	7,815.64
Received from Rentals	3,446.95
Unexpended Balance Road Ma- chinery Account	339.04
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	11,601.63
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Transferred to Road Machinery

Account	2,500.00
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Balance December 31, 1952 ...	9,101.63	
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		11,601.63
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Cemetery Land Fund

Balance January 1, 1952	1,815.35	
Received from Sale of Lots ...	705.00	
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	2,520.35	
Repurchase of Lot	10.00	
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Balance December 31, 1952 ...		2,510.35
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BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1952

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash—Town Funds	\$409,564.34
Cash—Blanchard Gift in escrow	150,000.00

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1948

Personal Property	\$ 667.23	
Poll	68.00	
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		\$ 735.23

Levy of 1949:

Real Estate	1,408.35	
Personal Property	841.30	
Poll	232.00	
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		2,481.65

Levy of 1950:

Real Estate	2,678.11	
Personal Property	1,109.16	
Poll	310.00	
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		4,097.27

Levy of 1951:

Real Estate	6,804.75	
Personal Property	1,156.21	
Poll	420.00	
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		8,380.96

Levy of 1952:

Real Estate	23,282.65	
Personal Property	3,804.86	
Poll	1,222.00	
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		28,309.51

44,004.62

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1947	28.64
Levy of 1948	247.65
Levy of 1949	1,448.61

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1952

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Real Estate Taxes—Levy of 1948—Overpayment to Treasurer	\$	126.02
Payroll Deductions:		
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$	171.25
County Retirement Fund		391.22
Withholding Taxes		131.80
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		694.27
Tailings—Reserve for Unclaimed Checks		144.81
Road Machinery Fund		9,101.63
Cemetery Land Fund		2,510.35
High School Athletic Fund		531.13
State and Federal School Milk Fund		40.03
County Dog Licenses		20.40
Blanchard Auditorium Gift—Held in escrow		150,000.00
Appropriation and Transfer Balances:		
Highway Culverts	4,000.00	
Laurel Court	69.14	
Auditorium and Gymnasium Committee	4,925.00	
Elementary School Building	170.00	
School Land Purchase	15,000.00	
Regional School District Committee	500.00	
Blanchard Auditorium Land Purchase	9,533.75	
Redecorate Interior of Library	375.00	
Mount Hope Cemetery—Oiling	449.08	
Mount Hope Cemetery—Clearing	500.00	
Woodlawn Cemetery—Clearing	1,000.00	
Civil Defense	1,840.74	
Town Forest Committee	500.00	
Town Forest—Cutting Brush	252.82	
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		39,115.53
Elementary School Building Construction		225,843.65
Trust Fund Income Balances:		
Cemetery—Perpetual Care	169.52	
Hosmer Fund	277.22	
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	15.45	
Henry L. Raymond Fund	8.45	
Georgia Whitney Fund	15.28	
Library—Books	4.55	
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		490.47

Levy of 1950	1,836.53
Levy of 1951	3,928.18
Levy of 1952	9,730.60

17,220.21

Tax Judgement:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	502.62
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17,722.83

Tax Titles	55.37
Tax Possessions	400.19

455.56

Departmental:

Public Welfare	564.93
Aid to Dependent Children	1,095.03
Old Age Assistance	2,216.86
Disability Assistance	4.62
Cemetery	157.00
Highway	117.00

4,155.44

Aid to Highways:

County	3,000.00
State	10,602.36

13,602.36

Under Estimates — 1952

County Hospital Assessment	26.53
State Audit	232.98
State Parks	49.02

308.53

\$639,813.68

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$295,000.00
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Over Estimate 1952:

County Tax	1,786.50
Old Age Assistance Recovery	373.75

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance:

Administration	272.27
Assistance	3,243.16

Aid to Dependent Children:

Administration	161.56
Aid	983.79

Disability Assistance:

Administration	1.34
Assistance	340.86

5,002.98

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	2,818.34
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Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1948	991.15
Levy of 1949	2,263.89
Levy of 1950	2,028.58
Levy of 1951	1,758.06
Levy of 1952	1,353.01

8,394.69

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	17,722.83
Tax Title and Tax Possession	455.56
Departmental	4,155.44
Aid to Highways	13,602.36

35,936.19

Surplus Revenue	156,882.94
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\$639,813.68

DEBT ACCOUNTS

High School Addition Loan	5,000.00
Elementary School Loan	290,000.00
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	\$295,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Betsy Ball Charity Fund	10,694.50
Elizabeth White Charity Fund	27,308.53
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund	14,992.19
Charlotte Conant School Fund	1,527.39
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	16,946.84
Acton Firemens Relief Fund	5,739.49
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	64,366.69
Cemetery Surplus Fund	210.35
Hoit and Scott Cemetery Fund	551.74
J. Roland Wetherbee Cemetery Fund	10,476.75
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	1,645.82
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,544.76
Frank C. Hayward Cemetery Fund	1,103.42
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	84,968.51
Henry S. Raymond Cemetery Monument Fund	811.25
Henry S. Raymond Cemetery Care Fund	2,227.87
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	776.28
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	\$245,892.38

In Custody of Trustees:

Charlotte Goodnow Fund	3,465.54
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	\$249,357.92
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Respectfully submitted,

DONALD O. NYLANDER,
Town Accountant

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In custody of Town Treasurer	245,892.38
In custody of Trustees	3,465.54

\$249,357.92

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1952. The department removed 196 trees of all species this year. Most of these were dead or dangerous trees, or of a species not desirable for shade trees.

Low hanging limbs were removed along Route 27 and other heavily traveled streets.

The department planted 30 new trees along the town ways.

The poison ivy around the schools and other town buildings was sprayed with a herbicide. The roadsides were also sprayed for poison ivy control. This work has greatly reduced the amount of ivy, but it will not eliminate the plant in a single year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER,

Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1952

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year the cemetery department has received and paid into the treasury the sum of \$1,836.80 which can be found itemized in the treasurer's report. Also in the town collector's report you will find the sum of \$682.00 collected for the annual care of lots, which is credited to the cemetery department receipts.

There has been added to the perpetual care account the past year, in new and additional accounts, the sum of \$2,275.00.

We recommend an appropriation for the care of the cemeteries, for the year 1953, the sum of \$10,800.00.

We again wish to call to the attention of all lot owners, who have lots in the cemeteries, that are not under perpetual care, the following: The State Auditors claim that by the vote taken at the annual town meeting, March 14, 1949, that annual care bills are accounts receivable to the town and must be collected. Therefore we have instructed the superintendent to commit to the town collector for collection all the annual care bills on all lots not under perpetual care. We ask for the full cooperation of all the lot owners in regard to this matter.

The land for the addition to Woodlawn Cemetery has been purchased and as soon as the weather permits, we plan to clear a certain section of this land and then start to develop this cleared section, by laying out lots, avenues, extending water and drainage pipes in this section.

We desire to place on record our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Sarah A. Watson of Harvard, Mass., who has been very generous to the Town of Acton, in regards to the Memorial Chapel in Woodlawn Cemetery. This past summer, Mrs. Watson had the following repairs made on the chapel: the slate on the roof repaired, the granite walls, casements and footings treated with a waterproofing solution, the gutters and the flashings repaired, the cornices, cappings and footings, repaired and pointed with mortar wherever needed. Several of the repairs to the footings and the cappings were extensive and this work which was done by Mrs. Sarah A. Watson, has saved the town a considerable amount of money.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD F. JONES

RAY L. HARRIS

HARRY F. HOLT

Cemetery Commissioners

1952 REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE IN ACTON

The Middlesex County Extension Service is an organization maintained by the County in cooperation with University of Mass. and the United States Department of Agriculture to serve the citizens of the town in the field of agriculture and home economics. The work is carried on under the guidance of the town director who is assisted by the chairman in homemaking and boys and girls 4-H Club work.

The county office makes farm and home visits to help when requested and, in addition, carries on organized projects County-wide under the guidance of farmers' and homemakers' service on County Committees.

Radio service is maintained weekly on WBZ; monthly on WHDH and five days a week during the summer on WKOX. A monthly bulletin with a circulation of 5,000 is maintained and timely notices of interest to dairymen, fruit growers, market gardeners, poultrymen, and commercial florists are sent to anyone as requested.

Some of the special activities of local interest follow. Dairymen were primarily interested in co-operating in the New England-wide Green Pastures Program, The Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Owner-Sampler work, and Selective Breeding.

The Extension Poultry Program in 1952 was keyed to help poultrymen and turkey growers to improve the efficiency of their operations, maintain flock health and take better advantage of their marketing opportunities. Efforts were made to provide breeders with information which might help them to hold their prominent place in the industry, and routine service was provided in all phases of poultry and turkey farming.

F. Wendell Putnam, Jr., of Woodbury Lane is a member of the advisory committee which plans the Extension Poultry Programs and participated in the 1952 Middlesex Flock Health Program. He is also Treasurer of the Middlesex County Poultry Association which holds monthly meet-

ings at the Acton Town Hall in cooperation with the Extension Service.

A spray service is maintained by radio to all fruit growers as well as market gardeners. Fruit growers also follow closely the weekly twilight meetings held during the growing season to keep abreast of production and marketing problems. There has been an increased demand from home owners for information on vegetables, flower gardens, and lawns.

Women in Acton became more active in Extension work this year and it is hoped their interest will continue. Under the leadership of Mrs. Cleon Phelps and Mrs. Laurence Winslow, they participated in a course of refinishing furniture. Many women also took advantage of the Sewing Machine Clinic held in their town and three different groups heard the talk and demonstration on "Christmas Everywhere."

4-H Club activities in Acton centered around poultry, garden, and clothing.

Wilda Quinn attended Junior Leaders' Camp at the University of Mass. and received a county medal for outstanding leadership ability.

Two camperships were given by the Acton Grange to one boy and one girl, both poultry club members to Camp Middlesex, the 4-H club camp in Ashby.

The 4-H poultry club attended in large numbers the 4-H County Fair of which their leader, Jack Duston was poultry chairman.

Mrs. Cleon Phelps and Mrs. Lawrence Winslow received silver pins for 5 years of leadership.

Those people responsible for 4-H club work in Acton were John Duston, Mrs. Lawrence Winslow, Mrs. Cleon Phelps, Mr. Daniel Sweeney, Mrs. Roger Myrick, Janice Phelps and Nancy Winslow.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE

Town Director

REPORT OF THE ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carl A. Christofferson, Chairman
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Florence A. Merriam

Miss Merriam, Mr. Heyliger and Dr. Davis hold office by election. The others are Corporate Members.

Librarians

Mary Lothrop, Memorial Library
Edith Hopkinson, West Acton Branch

Custodian

Glenn Pasanen

Miss Ramona Davis and her Fourth Grade pupils paid a call at the Library in the early Spring. Calls of this sort are pre-arranged in order that the Librarian may give her entire time to the guests and explain points of interest to the children, such as the picture of Mr. Wilde, his purpose in giving the Library to the Town, the general arrangement of the books, and the reasons for quiet, the chief one being consideration for others. Miss Davis started these calling parties which occur more frequently, as time passes.

The annual party for those who had earned Honors in the State Certificate reading, was held on May 23 with Mr. Christofferson taking charge and making the presentations. Carroll Spinney entertained an almost capacity group in the Woman's Club House. We thank the latter organization for being ready always to help us out.

In April, the teachers of the South School asked Miss Lothrop to give an informal talk on "Old Acton". Because the subject was so wide, it was easy to interweave old

Largest daily circulation February 25	659
Smallest daily circulation July 23	41
Daily average	136.2

houses, old families and old events, although it is tricky to make a modern child see life with no telephones, no cars and no electricity.

We have been working to create a separate Reference Department distinct in location and selection of material. For the last half year, the Trustees, using The Murray Brown Fund, have been selecting and procuring basic reference books for such a department. Special shelves have been erected and partially filled and are already in use.

We are happy to report that the clock has been repaired and that the painting job will be done when this goes to print. The color meets with approval for saving eye-strain and giving cheerfulness.

It is pleasant to say that almost every Library day, new people come to take books, and seem delighted to find, "such a nice Library in such a small town."

The West Branch has been open now for about a year and a half, under new hours, with Mrs. Hopkinson in charge. It is gratifying to report she has had a successful and happy time and that the circulation shows a large increase.

The main Library closes now at 9 P.M. This change began the Wednesday after Labor Day. It seems to be the customary closing hour in neighboring towns.

We are badly in need of space. We have had to refuse good standard books fairly often for lack of room. Also, we ought to have much more space to display our historic trophies and works of art properly.

Accession—Number of volumes in Library January 1,	
1952	20,877
Increase by purchase	293
Increase by gift	316
Withdrawn from circulation	367
Number of volumes in Library January 1,	
1953,	21,119
Circulation—Number of days Library was open	153
Number of volumes circulated	20,846

The circulation breaks up as follows:

Fiction 10,720, Juvenile 7,093, Non-Fiction 3,033

The Library has given The West Acton Branch 20 Books

The Library has given Emerson Hospital 68 Books

Those who knew Miss Dee Beebe will be glad to see her water color of The Old North Bridge in Concord. Some have seen it, and later, when the time is ripe, it will be suitably hung. We express gratitude to those who have made it possible for the painting to be in the Library, under conditions which we shall not disregard.

The Library acknowledges with gratitude, gifts from the following:

Books

Mildred Pope Moore 120 and magazines; Concord Free Public Library 8; U. S. A. 2; Brenda Duren 2; Mrs. Jesse Reynolds 2; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hapgood, magazines; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darling 1; Rev. and Mrs. Charles Henry 4; Mr. and Mrs. Henry French 11; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Shores 8; Mrs. M. M. McGray 8; E. H. Washburn 1; Acton Girl Scouts 1; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Olsen 5; Mrs. Laura Forbes 9; Irving Duren, 3d, 6; V. H. Gannon 1; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C. Priest 31; Carroll Spinney 1; Summit Encyclopaedia Publishing Co. 3; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Maynard 3; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Sweatt 3; Mr. and Mrs. George Dick 1; Mr. and Mrs. Harrington Moore 15; Walter Bied 12; Linda Stoker 1; John Pearson 1; Mr. and Mrs. James Tolman 1; Dr. and Mrs. Forbes 40; Janet Roth 3; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Roth 1; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Charter, Pamphlets on Elm Tree Disease; Church of Christ 1; Elizabeth Condon 4; Commonwealth of Massachusetts 5; Firestone Co. 1.

Financial Receipts

Fines	\$181.73
Miscellaneous	13.57
Books sold	7.10

Total\$202.40

MARY LOTHROP,
Librarian

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Acton, Massachusetts

The Board of Health herewith submits its report for the year 1952 together with the reports of its Agent, Town and School Nurse, Inspector of Food and Milk, Inspector of Slaughtering, Inspector of Sanitation, Burial Agent and General Report on Health problems encountered in Acton during the year.

Each year for many years your Board of Health report has included in its report only that information that it deems necessary and of interest to the Citizens of Acton. The reports of its Agent, his activities, and many health problems encountered, investigations made, reports rendered to the State Department of Public Health, also to the Middlesex Health District at Fitchburg. This applies to the various other members of the Health Department where constant supervision of the local Board of Health requires our reports.

In our report of Contagious Diseases which are dangerous to public health, over a period of years only reports can be made, if they are reported to the Agent or members of the Board of Health. These reports can be made by either the Doctor that attended the person afflicted, or a parent, or person in the household. This must be done to keep an accurate record of cases.

The Town Dump has been the cause of considerable concern, with the several new industries that have opened in town during the past few years, the many new homes and the people from outside of Acton who dump refuse over the fence when the dump is closed, or in the driveway next to the Dump on private property. It has been necessary to increase the hours of supervision at the Dump for the various industries. On Sundays and nights, there is still refuse dumped over the fence and inside the fence on adjoining property by individuals.

Prematurity in Massachusetts,—Statistics bear out a statement that the leading cause of death among infants today is prematurity and medical experts have shown that many of these deaths are needless. Some of the reasons

given for premature infant deaths are congenital malformations, complications during delivery and extreme immaturity of the essential body system. It is therefore necessary to get the baby, if at birth it weighs less than 5½ pounds, to a hospital. Persons delivering the child must report the birth to the Board of Health as soon as possible by telephone and within 24 hours, in writing to the same Board. It is essential that proper transportation to a hospital be arranged and that the child be placed in an incubator immediately following birth.

At present we have no patients at the Middlesex County Sanatorium in Waltham.

There have been two licenses issued for child centers or Kindergartens in the Town of Acton and under the care of the Town Nurse, for inspection for the Board of Health.

Several meetings were held during the past year concerning proper installation of Cess pools and Septic tanks. Two of the meetings were open to the Town and so advertised in a local paper. Each of these meetings were attended by several interested persons building homes in Acton and a State Official of the Massachusetts Health Department was present.

Your Board of Health has been working constantly for the best interest of the people of Acton and should problems arise concerning persons, groups or sections of Town, it is certain that a plan can be worked out to the satisfaction of all.

Respectfully submitted,

ORMA LAWRENCE CLARK, M.D., Chairman

HERBERT L. LEUSHER

MARTIN J. DUGGAN

EDWARD J. HIGGINS, Agent

Board of Health

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

To the Board of Health:
Acton, Mass.

There were one hundred fourteen cases of contagious diseases which are dangerous to the public health reported dur-

ing the year 1952. This is more than twice the number reported in 1951 due to an almost epidemic proposition in Measles during the early part of 1952. This was under control and tapered off during June. This condition was not alone confined to this locality, it was a general condition throughout the State.

Cases reported:

Anterior Polio	1
Chicken Pox	13
Dog Bite	6
German Measles	11
Measles	72
Mumps	4
Scarlet Fever	4
Whooping Cough	3

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Many cases not reported is due to mothers that feel certain of the ailment of their children, who call a Doctor and are advised over the telephone of the necessary treatment, thus the Doctor does not see the case and could not report it. Many cases are reported by the Town Nurse and some of them by the parents of the person afflicted. In all cases, such afflictions must be reported to a member of the Board of Health or its Agent.

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,

Agent

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

My report for the year ending December 31, 1952 includes the work of my predecessor, Mrs. Lillian F. Taylor,

for the months of January through September 1952 and for my work from September through December 31, 1952.

Bedside calls	751
Pre-natal calls	170
Post-natal calls	154
Welfare	410
Night and off hour calls	20
T.B. Patients and contacts	30

Six patients were taken to Middlesex County Hospital for X-Ray and check-up.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN F. HALE, R.N.

Town Nurse

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health
Acton, Mass.

Submitted herewith is report of the Inspector of Slaughtering for the year 1952.

During the year 1952 there were two reports of slaughtering in the Town of Acton. On investigation, one of those reported to be slaughtering swine was in error and the other one had changed his mind and had the work done elsewhere. Permits were issued for the slaughtering of poultry in two cases, where proper inspection and sanitary methods were checked and approved. Several other investigations were made where slaughtering was suspected without permits.

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SANITATION

To the Board of Health
Acton, Mass.

Submitted herewith is report of the Inspector of Sanitation during the year 1952.

During the year there were seventy-one (71) cases of sanitation inspections initiated by complaints of individuals in writing, of which corrective action was necessary. Citizens of the town and requests from home builders who were anxious to comply with health regulations in building homes in Acton. All of these requests were investigated and found to be in compliance with laws at present in effect in Acton.

Inspection of wells and testing of water in ponds, wells and other places where water is used for drinking	18
Inspection of swimming places	9
Cess pools draining into or toward wells	9
Waste food and rubbish along roads in town	11
New installation of septic tanks and cess pools	19
Meeting of interested people on septic tanks, cess pools, leaching beds and proper drainage	5
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Several meetings have been arranged with State Officials during the year and most of them have been very helpful. Many restrictions have been put onto home builders and undoubtedly there will be more. The Board of Health has been aware of the forward progress and the huge building trend during the past two years and every effort is being made to attain maximum safety to the residents of Acton, insofar as safe sanitation engineering is concerned.

EDWARD J. HIGGINS

Sanitary Inspector

REPORT OF BURIAL AGENT

To the Board of Health
Acton, Mass.

There were twenty-seven (27) deaths reported for which burial permits were issued during the year 1952. These include all persons who either died in Acton and were buried in other towns or states, or who died in other towns or states and were brought to Acton for final burial. This also includes Service Personnel being returned from a battlefield for re-interment.

Deaths	27
Died in Acton	21
Died Elsewhere	6
Buried in Acton	16
Buried Elsewhere	11

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Burial Agent

REPORT OF MILK AND FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health
Acton, Mass.

Following is the report of the Milk and Food Inspector for 1952.

Total Calls made:

Dairy and Goat Barns	22
Milk Check	7
Restaurants and stores	30
Septic Tanks	29
State visits and conferences	4
Odors and Complaints	18

An informal meeting with Plumbers and Builders re: Septic tanks, educational and instructive, more meetings to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS B. WHOULEY,
Milk and Food Inspector

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the report of the Board of Public Welfare for the year 1952.

The appropriation for General Relief (formerly known as Public Welfare) for 1952 was \$4,350.00. During the year, we aided 10 cases in Acton and 3 cases out of town with Acton settlements. At the present time, we are aiding 2 welfare cases in Acton. For the out-of-town bills during the past year, we paid \$1,010.00, while \$2,100.00 was paid for the 10 cases in Acton. In anticipation of bills which will be incurred during 1953, we find it necessary to ask for an appropriation of \$3,000.00 which represents a reduction from last year due to transfer of cases from General Relief to Disability Assistance.

For Aid to Dependent Children, we are asking for an appropriation of \$5,000.00. During the year, we aided 7 families having a total of 20 children, with extensive hospitalization and medical expenses. Our present case load is 5 families with a total of 9 dependent children.

We are asking for \$41,000.00 for Old Age Assistance for the coming year. On January 1, 1952, our case load was 76 and on December 31, 1952, it was 64. During the year, 82 persons were aided under this category; 59 of these had Acton settlements, 9 out-of-town settlements, and 14 were unsettled, that is, the State and Federal funds cover the entire expenditure of their grants.

In the category of Disability Assistance, we had aided 4 cases during 1952. The category was established to provide assistance to needy persons over 18 who are permanently and totally disabled. The actual cost to the town is 25 per cent of the expenditure.

Since April 1, 1952, the administration of the various Categories of Assistance has been handled through the Nashoba Public Welfare District with the office located at the Town Hall, Bedford. Mrs. Anna Coombs of Carlisle has served as Agent and Miss Wilhelmina Knippel of Acton as

Clerk. The District covers the towns of Acton, Bedford, and Carlisle and the administrative expenditures are divided as follows: Acton—60 per cent, Bedford—25 per cent, and Carlisle—15 per cent. As Federal and State participation in District administration covers $83\frac{1}{3}$ per cent of the cost, we request that the amount \$800.00 be appropriated as Acton's share. The total cost to Acton during 1952 has been approximately \$2,000.00. A considerable amount of Social Work has been rendered to our Community and on the whole, we feel it has been a very successful first year.

The following is a detailed analysis of expenditures for 1952:

GENERAL RELIEF

Paid to other places on Acton settled cases	\$ 1,010.00
Paid to cases in Acton	2,100.00
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	\$ 3,110.00
Estimated reimbursement from other towns	315.60
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Approximate net cost to Town of Acton	\$ 2,794.40

Aid to Dependent Children

Total expended	\$ 10,068.00
Estimated Federal Grants	\$ 3,563.00
Estimated State Reimbursements	3,363.00
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	\$ 6,926.00
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Approximate net cost to Town of Acton	\$ 3,142.00

Old Age Assistance

Total expended	\$ 66,382.00
Estimated Federal Grants	\$ 25,349.00
Estimated State Reimbursements	29,544.00

Estimated Reimbursements from other towns	1,027.34	
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	\$ 55,920.34	55,920.34
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Approximate net cost to Town of Acton	\$ 10,461.66
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Disability Assistance

Total expended	\$ 3,236.34	
Estimated Federal Grants	\$ 1,050.00	
Estimated State Reimbursements	1,372.00	
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	\$ 2,422.00	2,422.00
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Approximate net cost to Town of Acton	\$ 814.34
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Appropriations Recommended for 1953

General Relief	\$ 3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00
Disability Assistance	3,500.00
Old Age Assistance	41,000.00
Administration	800.00

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER B. STEVENS

LOSSIE E. LAIRD

A. PERRY MARBLE

Board of Public Welfare

**REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE
ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

January 28, 1953

The Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Our committee, formed by vote of the Town of Acton under Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting called for 8:00 P.M. o'clock on Monday, May 19, 1952, and formed under provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby submits to you its report and recommendations.

After examining our school situation and the situations of nearby towns we found that the logical answer to our problem was to approach the Regional School Planning Committee as set up by the vote of the Town of Littleton and to form with them a Regional School District Planning Board.

Their needs seemed to be similar to ours, the two towns are closely knit, both geographically and economically, and hence lend themselves very well to the possibilities of forming a Regional School District.

We have met with Littleton's committee and together have drawn up, as authorized under Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, a proposed agreement for a Regional School District to be formed, details of which are being presented under separate cover. It is our earnest hope that this proposed agreement can be submitted to the voters of the Town of Acton at the annual town election to be held on March 2, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

ACTON REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

ROBERT M. STOW, Chairman
THOMAS MOTLEY, 2ND, Secretary-Treasurer
LEONARD A. GODFREY, JR., Member of the
School Committee

REPORT OF THE AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM BUILDING COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Acton:

In accordance with the vote on Article 2 of the July 28, 1952 Special Town Meeting, the Auditorium-Gymnasium Building Committee submits the following report.

After several conferences with Mr. Haynes of the S. W. Haynes Associates of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, it was found that it was impossible to build a high school size gymnasium with the money available from the Blanchard gift. However, this committee feels it should build as large a building as possible with the \$150,000.00 gift. This building will not be rated as a high school size gymnasium although it will have a larger court than any that our teams play on at the present time. As an auditorium, it will seat approximately six hundred.

It is the intention of this committee to construct the back wall of this building of such material that it can be easily removed for enlargement when a high school is built.

If the town meeting votes favorably on the article in the annual warrant of 1953 asking for authority to use the \$150,000.00 gift from The Blanchard Foundation, this committee feels that it can meet the July 1, 1953 deadline.

PORTER G. JENKS
MARION C. REED
EDWARD J. BURSAW
ORMAL S. LAFFIN
LEO C. CUNNINGHAM
WALTER B. STEVENS
DANA HINCKLEY

Auditorium-Gymnasium Building Committee

REPORT OF ZONING COMMITTEE

To the Selectmen

Town of Acton

Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Zoning Committee has been hard at work since it reported at the town meeting in March, 1952. The Committee has met between thirty and forty times. Six unofficial public hearings have been held to consider local problems and residents of the immediate areas under consideration have been invited to attend.

The Committee is making every effort to produce a code that is in conformity with the wishes of the citizens themselves.

We feel that the job is approaching completion. We expect to hold the required public hearing in the near future. We will hold a second public hearing, if necessary. Following the hearing, or hearings, we plan to present the completed code at a special town meeting, to be held as soon as practicable after public hearings are completed.

Yours truly,

C. J. FARLEY

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ACTON

For the Year Ending December 31, 1952



Town of Acton, Massachusetts

ORGANIZATION

Acton School Committee

Mr. Leo Cunningham, Chairman	Term expires 1953
Mrs. Gerald Hollis, Secretary	Term expires 1953
Mrs. G. Howard Reed	Term expires 1953
Mrs. Harlan Tuttle	Term expires 1954
Mr. Dana Hinckley	Term expires 1954
Mr. Leonard Godfrey	Term expires 1955

Meetings of the School Committee

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held the second Tuesday of each month in the high school at 7:30 p.m. Exceptions may be made, especially during the summer months.

Superintendent

Whitman Pearson

School Department Office, High School Building

Telephone Acton 3-4181

School Department Secretary	Mrs. Donald Felt
School Physician	Paul P. Gates, M.D. Telephone 3-5671
School Nurse	Mrs. Eileen Hale, R.N. Telephone 3-4393
Attendance Officer	Louis Leveroni
High School, Telephone 3-4181	Principal, William O'Connell Custodian, Louis Leveroni
Center School, Tel. 3-5233	Principal, Mrs. Dardana Berry Custodian, Norman Livermore
Fire House Classroom	Miss Joan Dwane
Church Classroom	Mrs. Celina MacLean
South School, Tel. 3-4274	Principal, Miss Julia McCarthy Custodian, Kenneth Harvey
Acton Center Woman's Club	Mrs. Madeleine Kingston
West School, Tel. 3-5642	Principal, Mrs. Carolyn Douglas Custodian, Ernest Banks
School Street Apartments	Mrs. Helen DeCoste Miss Anne Derby

School Calendar 1953-1954

Reopening of Schools, January 5, 1953

Winter recess, February 23-27

Spring recess, April 20-24

Close of School, Grades 1-8, June 5

Close of School, Grades 9-12, June 12

Graduation, June 12

Summer Recess

Teachers Meetings, September 8

Reopening of High School, September 9

Reopening of Elementary Schools, September 10

Columbus Day, October 12

Visiting Day (Convention), October 30

Armistice Day, November 11

Thanksgiving Recess, November 26-27

Christmas Holidays, December 24 to January 3, 1954

Reopening of Schools, January 4, 1954

Winter Recess, February 22-26, 1954

Spring Recess, April 19-23, 1954

Memorial Day, celebrated May 31, 1954

Close of School, Grades 1-8, June 11, 1954

Close of School, Grades 9-12, June 18, 1954

Graduation, June 18, 1954

No School Signal — All Schools, All Day

7:00 A.M., Fire Horn 2-2-2-2

7:00-8:00 A.M., WBZ, WEEI

7:15 A.M. 1-1-1-1 No school, grades 1 to 8, all day

11:30 A.M. 1-1-1-1 No school Senior High, grades 9-12

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT, 1952

In conjunction with the 1952 school department report, which has been approved by the School Committee, we wish to make the following report.

At the March election, Mr. Leonard Godfrey was elected as a new member of the School Committee. Mr. Wilson Sked and Mr. Leo Cunningham were re-elected. At the organization meeting Mr. Wilson Sked was elected chairman and Mrs. Eleanore Hollis clerk. Your very capable chairman resigned in August due to business transfer and Mrs. Marion Reed was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Acton school housing facilities have been taxed beyond their capacity necessitating the rental of rooms in Maynard again this year, as well as in the Acton Center Woman's Club House, the Congregational Church in Acton Center and the Center Fire Station.

The catastrophe at the Wilson School in Maynard, which occurred shortly before Christmas, resulted in another housing problem for your committee. However, we were very grateful to Mr. Porter Jenks for the rental of two apartments. He rushed them to completion so that we could get your children back to school without delay.

The new Elementary addition will be completed and ready for classes in September. Three members of the School Committee are serving on the School Building Committee and one member is serving on the Regional School District Planning Board.

We wish to thank the Acton Center Woman's Club, the Acton Center Congregational Church, the Acton Fire Department, Mr. Porter Jenks and the School Department of Maynard for their sincere cooperation for furnishing housing facilities for our school children.

In closing, we wish to express our appreciation for the splendid work of all members of the staff of the Acton School Department.

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
LEO C. CUNNINGHAM,
Chairman

Received—To the Credit of Public Schools

<i>State Aid for Transportation</i> (Cost above \$5 a pupil in net average membership for transportation over 1½ miles)	\$ 2,805.00
<i>State Aid for Public Schools</i> (Approximately \$1,000 per teacher)	31,150.23
<i>Tuition</i> —Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wards	971.96
<i>Tuition</i> —City of Boston Wards	498.78
<i>Tuition</i> —Town of Boxborough	3,887.50
<i>Tuition</i> —and Transportation—Town of Westford	521.05
<i>Tuition</i> —David Nelson	25.00
<i>Miscellaneous Collections</i> at the High School	33.77
TOTAL	\$39,893.29

Net Cost of Operating Public Schools

Appropriated March, 1952	\$137,700.00
Transferred December, 1952	17.13
Total amount expended	\$137,717.13
Received to Credit of Schools (explanation above)	39,893.29
NET AMOUNT FROM LOCAL TAXES ..	97,823.84
Less: Cost of New Equipment (Capital Outlay) ..	1,197.90
NET COST OF OPERATION FROM LOCAL TAXES	\$ 96,625.94

Expended for Operation in 1952

	High	Elementary	Total
Salaries	\$54,682.42	\$ 55,193.70	\$109,876.12
Fuel	1,025.90	2,168.54	3,194.44
Books and Supplies	3,515.70	2,470.54	5,986.24
Transportation	4,200.00	4,200.00	8,400.00
Power, Repairs, Rent, Misc.	3,221.82	5,473.56	8,695.38
Libraries	77.70	21.20	98.90
Health	133.55	134.60	268.15
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Gross Cost of Operation	\$ 66,857.09	\$ 69,662.14	\$136,519.23
Gross cost per high school pupil (272)	\$ 245.80		
Gross cost per elementary school pupil (423)		\$ 164.69	
Gross cost per pupil (695)			\$ 196.43
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Gross cost of operation (as above)	\$ 66,857.09	\$ 69,662.14	\$136,519.23
Less Receipts	\$ 21,689.34	\$ 18,203.95	\$ 39,893.29
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Net Cost of Operation	\$ 45,167.75	\$ 51,458.19	\$ 96,625.94
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Net cost per high school pupil (272)	\$ 166.06		
Net cost per elementary school pupil (423)		\$ 121.65	
Net cost per pupil (695)			\$ 139.03
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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Acton, Massachusetts:

Herewith is presented my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for Acton. The topical form of report which was introduced in 1950 to promote easier reading and easier reference has been augmented by a section on school finance, since this subject is of particular interest in view of the extra cost involved in the building, equipping, staffing, and maintaining of additional school facilities.

SCHOOL FINANCE

School Funds and State Aid for Public Schools—

Chapter 70, General Laws

SECTION 10. School Committees shall annually, in submitting estimates of the amount of money necessary for the proper maintenance of the schools, include their estimate of the amount of school aid the town will receive under this chapter, and of other reimbursements to be received from the commonwealth on account of the support of schools. In making recommendations for appropriations for the support of schools, the finance committee of towns and similar committees in cities shall specify the estimated amount to be received as such school aid or reimbursements from the commonwealth and the amount to be raised by local taxation. All amounts paid to any town under this chapter shall at the time of payment be accompanied by a written statement from the state treasurer designating such payments as "School Aid according to Chapter seventy of the General Laws" and stating the amount of the payment.

Estimated Receipts for 1953

State Aid—General School Fund

(Approximately \$1000 per teacher) \$36,000.00

Transportation 3,000.00

\$39,000.00

Tuition—Town of Boxborough \$4,500.00

Town of Westford 600.00

City of Boston 800.00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts ... 1,000.00

6,900.00

Miscellaneous

Telephone tolls \$10.00

Reimbursement for damaged books . 10.00

20.00

Total Estimated Receipts for 1953 \$45,920.00

Estimated Expenditures for 1953

School appropriation request	\$167,967.00
Estimated Receipts for 1953 (non-local tax)	\$ 45,920.00
Amount to be raised by local taxation ..	\$122,047.00

Proposed Budget for 1953

(Revised form—similar to form used by State
Department for "School Returns")

<i>Explanation</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Instruction	\$115,170.00
Textbooks and Supplies	6,777.00
Plant Operation	22,550.00
Maintenance	1,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies	11,520.00
General Control	8,700.00
Outlay	1,750.00
Contingency Fund	500.00
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	\$167,967.00
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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL

Instruction — \$115,170

	Elementary (Gr. 1 to 6)	High School (Gr. 7-12)
Salaries of Principals, Supervisors, and Teachers (entire year)	\$53,600.00	\$49,050.00
Substitutes, etc.	500.00	500.00
Expenses	50.00	50.00
New Staff:		
Languages, H.S. (entire year)		2,800.00
South—Second	1,000.00	
Mr. Winton		1,320.00
West—Fifth	1,100.00	
New—First	1,100.00	
Cafeteria	500.00	500.00
South—Third	1,100.00	
($\frac{4}{10}$ basis)		
Increases (\$100) ($\frac{4}{10}$ basis)	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	\$59,950.00	\$55,220.00

Textbooks and Supplies — \$6,776.81

Textbooks — \$3,412.01

Center	\$ 484.43
Remedial	130.00
West	689.97
South	550.00
New (W-5)	571.61

\$2,426.01

Guidance	\$ 116.00
Music	60.00
Art	10.00
Books	800.00

\$ 986.00

Supplies — \$3,364.80

Center	\$ 354.49
Remedial	24.00
West	675.91
South	450.00
Tests	90.00
New (W-5)	100.00

Art (in elem. sch. Music budgets)

\$1,694.40

Guidance	\$ 200.00
Science	310.40
General	500.00
Home Ec.	200.00
Art	160.00
Shop	300.00

\$1,670.40

\$4,120.41 \$2,656.40

Operation of Plant — \$22,550.00

Janitor Service. (entire year)	\$ 6,540.00	\$ 3,800.00
Fuel (New School, \$900)	3,000.00	2,000.00
Janitors' Supplies (30% increase) ...	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water	175.00	75.00
Gas	50.00	50.00
Light—Power (New School, \$250) ...	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephones	250.00	250.00
Rent (Jan. to June)	2,160.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
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	\$14,275.00	\$8,275.00

Maintenance of Plant — \$1,000.00

Repairs, Upkeep and Replacement ...	\$250.00	\$750.00
(typewriters, instruments and buildings)		

Auxiliary Agencies — \$11,520.00

Census by Seniors	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Libraries	50.00	50.00
Promotion of Health	250.00	250.00
Transportation	4,750.00	4,750.00
Insurance		70.00
Tuition	—	—
Printing and Advertising	25.00	25.00
Graduation		100.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	50.00
Two Platoon Transportation	500.00	500.00

General Control — \$8,700.00

Superintendent	\$5,700.00
Attendance Officer	100.00
Secretary	2,400.00
Travel — Expenses	100.00
Stationery and Postage	175.00
Equipment	25.00
School Committee	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00

Outlay — \$1,750.00

Capital Improvements:

Curtains	\$ 325.00
Vision Test	110.00
New Furniture	565.00

\$1,000.00

Typewriter Replacement:

Remington Manual	\$200.00
Underwood Manual	300.00
Smith Manual	250.00

\$750.00

Contingency Fund — \$500.00

\$100.00 a building	\$300.00	\$200.00
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Housing

Temporary Facilities. September 1952 found the local school system six classrooms short of the number required for its 700 students, but the two shift plan which seemed to be inevitable was postponed for another year by making use of the following facilities:

West Acton Second Grade	Roosevelt School, Maynard
South Acton Second Grade	Coolidge School, Maynard
Center First Grade	Center Church Sunday School Room
Center Third Grade	Center Fire House
South Acton Fourth Grade	Acton Center Woman's Club
Third Section High School	Converted High School
Seventh Grade	Library

This arrangement was upset by the fire which destroyed the Wilson School in Maynard on December 18, necessitating the termination of the two school-room renting agreement with Maynard which now needed all its available space. Improvisation again made it possible to avoid the two-shift system for the West and South Second Grades when through the cooperation of Mr. Porter Jenks, two of his new apartments on School Street, West Acton, were rushed to com-

pletion between Christmas and New Year's Day and were ready for classes on Wednesday, January 7. Temporary approval from the State Building Inspector was secured by the Superintendent, and another rush project carried out by high school students Dexter Loring and James Kazokas, who worked during the school vacation period, provided forty-two desks by the January 7 deadline. Most of these desks were "cannibalized" from old parts salvaged from the attics and basements of all school buildings, and were nicely refinished, along with teachers desks secured as surplus military property from Fort Devens three years ago. Cooperation from Mr. Percy Kelly of the Concord Reformatory and other Department of Correction officials allowed the speeding up of delivery on chairs ordered for the new primary school building, so that the required number were on hand for the displaced Second Grades.

Two-Shift Plan for High School, September, 1953. As far as the High School is concerned, there seems to be no way of postponing a change to the two-shift system beyond the present school year, and in view of the expected enrollment of well over three hundred students next fall, the School Committee has authorized the Superintendent and Principal to make plans for two-shift operation. Under this scheme Seventh and Eighth Graders will go to school in the morning and Grades Nine to Twelve in the afternoon.

School Building Survey and Long Range Planning. A year ago the School Building Survey made by Educational Service Associates was completed, and it has become the basis for long-range planning by the Acton School Committee, the Local and Regional School Building Committees, and the State School Building Assistance Commission which passes on the question of state financial aid for school building projects. The construction of the new elementary school, which should be ready for use in the fall, represents one phase of the plan recommended for Acton by the Survey, and the acquisition by the Town of nearly forty acres of land on both sides of Charter Road was another important step which was recommended for the long-range development of Acton's school facilities.

Since Acton voters are going to have to make a crucial decision regarding high school construction plans at the

1953 Town Meeting, it seems advisable to incorporate the Summary and Recommendations of the Educational Service Associates in this report:

Summary

1. Acton's school enrollment is increasing, most rapidly in the elementary levels, but also in the secondary levels.
2. Acton's elementary school buildings should be replaced as soon as possible by modern facilities.
3. Acton is not now, nor will it be in the early future, large enough to maintain a local high school which can meet present and future educational needs. The attainment of the *minimum* enrollment of 500 pupils in grade IX through XII seems a remote possibility.
4. A regional high school properly organized will provide Acton boys and girls with a better educational program than is possible if the Town attempts to maintain its own school.
5. A larger high school will be more economical both in construction costs and operating expenses for the same desirable quality of program.
6. Acton should continue to participate in an attempt to develop a suitable cooperative endeavor with its neighbors.
7. Acton should not take any action which will commit the Town to a policy contrary to regionalization.
8. Acton can solve its problem of enrollment pressure by erecting about eight rooms suitable for elementary school use, so integrated with the existing high school building that the whole may be converted into a centralized elementary school.
9. The site for the centralized school should be enlarged.

Recommendations

1. Acton build an eight-room unit adjacent to or integrated with the present high school building and use it to house elementary grades.
2. The site of this centralized school be increased in size by adding land to the north (or northeast) and/or to the west to make a total acreage of at least 25 acres. It seems

best to relocate the exit of Charter Street upon Massachusetts Avenue.

3. Acton participate in the development of a regional high school district with neighboring communities.
4. Acton abandon its old elementary buildings and establish a centralized elementary school when the regional high school is opened.

Blanchard Foundation Grant of \$150,000. Through the generosity of the Blanchard family \$150,000 has been made available to aid in the construction of an auditorium-gymnasium on a site just across Charter Road from the present high school. Since this amount would not pay for the construction of a high-school size gymnasium, and since state aid for a high-school size gymnasium would not be forthcoming until the high-school question itself is settled, the \$150,000 is being held in escrow pending the action of the 1953 Town Meeting. If Acton is to receive any state aid for the Blanchard Auditorium-Gymnasium project, the decision of State School Building Assistance Commissioner John Marshall is essential and his views were expressed in the following letter received by the Superintendent on December 9, 1952:

"What size gymnasium should Acton build? From the viewpoint of this office, the answer to this depends primarily on the school it is designed to serve. Our thinking has been conditioned in part by the survey made by Educational Service Associates. This suggests as a long-range plan for Acton (a) participation in a regional school district, and (b) additions to the high school building that will make it a centralized elementary school.

"Construction of a playroom or combination auditorium-playroom designed primarily to serve the elementary needs in a long-range program, would certainly be approved by this office, assuming that the plan itself was satisfactory.

"Can Acton obtain state assistance at the regional percentage? Chapter 645, Acts of 1948, makes it clear that the regional percentage for state construction grants can be applied only to a building constructed by a regional school district.

"Can state assistance be used for a school project built with money donated to the town? The only concern of this

office is that the school project be justified as educationally sound—as part of a long-range plan for meeting the needs of the school program. As long as the money is expended by the town on an approved project, the source of the local share does not matter.”

Instruction

The Teacher Salary Schedule, which recognizes experience, training, and special duties, was revised during the year, and only four members of the faculty resigned at the end of the school year to accept positions in other schools. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ferry changed to the Manter Hall Preparatory School in Cambridge, Mr. John Haynes joined the Melrose Junior High faculty, and Mr. Alphonse Alminas transferred to Commerce High in Springfield, Massachusetts.

New Faculty Members

Replacements and the establishment of new classes caused the addition of the following new faculty members for the 1952-53 school year:

- Miss Anne ZammittiHigh School Social Studies
- Miss Isadore StearnsPhysical Education Supervisor
- Miss Phyllis MorseFirst Grade West School
- Miss Maureen Conlon ..Elem. Remedial Reading Iustructor
- Mrs. Madeleine KingstonFourth Grade South School
- Mr. Vincent GannonHigh School English
- Mr. Douglass MacDonaldHigh School Social Studies
- Mr. Norton LevyHigh School Mathematics
- Mr. Theodore HerseyHigh School Foreign Languages

Remedial Class

The part-time Remedial Reading work which was started last year at the high school level, was continued as a full-time project in the elementary schools by Miss Maureen Conlon who began her work in Acton in September. A large number of youngsters in Grades III, IV, V and VI have benefitted from this new educational service even though it has been in operation only four months.

Guidance

Beginning in the fall of 1953 Acton High will be one of the few small high schools in Massachusetts to have a full time Guidance Director, and the program, which is being developed under the direction of Miss Ruth Proctor, will follow closely recommendations made by the State Department of Education's Guidance Supervisor Mr. Warren E. Benson.

Tuition Students

The traditionally close relationship between Acton and Boxborough which has resulted in the local high school's serving both communities has been broadened so that Acton High School is now taking Boxborough youngsters at the Seventh and Eighth Grade levels as well as those in Grades Nine to Twelve. Acton has also a considerable number of tuition-paying students from the City of Boston, Westford, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

New Science Course

During the past year a new course "Practical Science" has been tried at the Senior High School level to take care of those students who want to continue Science beyond General Science, but do not have a need for the college-preparatory Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. The objective of this course is to train boys and girls for the proper operation and maintenance of ordinary household mechanical devices, appliances and tools.

Pre-School Conferences

Before classes were resumed in the fall faculty conferences were held at appropriate grade levels and in different subject matter fields to discuss curriculum content and goals, to improve coordination with the supervisors, and to orient the new members of the faculty.

Safety Education

Throughout the year great emphasis was put on this aspect of education because of the constantly increasing hazard to Acton children resulting from the heavy traffic on Routes 2, 2A, 111, and 27. Early in the year a special traffic safety survey made by Miss Edith Doane of the Massachusetts Safety Council at the request of PTA and school officials,

indicated that the school system was doing good work in this field, and merited praise for the manner in which a highly complicated bus system (operated by Mr. Ormal Laffin) provided transportation for the large majority of Acton school children.

The school system cooperated with the Red Cross to sponsor the highly successful summer water safety program, and subject to Town Meeting approval of funds to continue to provide transportation to Lake Walden, the school department and the Red Cross will operate the program again in 1953.

Driver Training Instructor Ralph Stetson has continued his work with the prospective automobile drivers at the High School, and the total number of Acton High students who have received licenses through the medium of this course is now nearing seventy. Through the courtesy of the Atlantic Refining Company's Safety Education program, the first week in December was devoted to a series of driving exhibitions, tests, and physiological examinations bearing on safe driving, and a school-wide competition showed that the following were Acton High's best drivers: Sylvia Jewell, Roger Gregory, Sally Jones, William Kazokas, Patricia McCarthy, Peggy Sexton, and Richard Schou.

Textbooks and Supplies

This part of the Budget is based on requests and recommendations made by the staff members who will actually use the material. All items are evaluated and passed upon by the principals and supervisors concerned, then submitted to the Superintendent for approval, and finally are subject to scrutiny by the members of the School and Finance Committees before being incorporated in the Budget. Consequently, the Budget reflects careful financial and educational planning for the year ahead, and it is this section of the Budget which translates the actual supply needs of each pupil into dollars and cents.

Plant Operation and Maintenance

The "two-shift" operation of the high school beginning in September, 1953, and the continuing late afternoon and evening use of the building by school and community groups

will increase the custodial service problem by decreasing the school-day-time in which cleaning and maintenance activities can be carried on. However, the proximity of the new primary school building, with its need for additional custodial service, should make it possible to have a double and overlapping shift of custodians so that one of the custodians will be on duty and available to either building at all times, and so that janitorial work can be carried on over a period of about fifteen hours a day.

Census

The practice of having the Seniors conduct the Annual School Census required by law, and a census of pre-school children as a basis for administrative planning, was continued under the direction of Senior Class Adviser Raymond Grey. Findings of particular significance follow: Resident children eligible for First Grade: September 1953, 104; 1954, 109; 1955, 80; 1956, 74; 1957, 76; 1958, 82.

Library

The dual function of the Library-Classroom limited its use as a Library during school hours, but Library service after school was provided by the appointment of a student Librarian, Miss Magarette Jarvi.

Health

Mrs. Eileen Hale succeeded Mrs. Lillian Taylor as School Nurse during the fall of 1952, and her counsel and efforts coupled with those of School Physician, Dr. Paul Gates, expedited the carrying out of Massachusetts' new school health laws which went into effect in September.

Transportation

A special Transportation survey conducted by the Superintendent in October indicated that only 162 of the 700 youngsters in the Acton schools did not use the bus transportation facilities, that 375 ride over a mile and a half each way to and from school, and that about 150 are carried less than a mile and a half. Even though the mile and a half represents the minimum distance to qualify for the state transportation subsidy, school officials feel that cutting down of pupil highway-pedestrian traffic is well worth the extra cost to the Town.

Cafeteria

Installation of an adequate hot-water supply unit has contributed to the success of the two-shift recess system used since September, and has materially speeded up the cafeteria clean-up time. It has also made it possible for Custodian Leveroni to have ample hot water during the summer and at other times when the heating boiler has not been in operation. Serving as many as a hundred hot dishes a day in addition to numerous other food items, the successful cafeteria operation has reflected great credit on Home Economics Department head Mary Emerson, Manager Anne Rimbach, and Principal William O'Connell.

GENERAL CONTROL (Administration)

School Department Accounting System

In the past ten years the procedure for reporting school department expenditures has varied all the way from one account (Department of Education) in 1944, to thirteen accounts in 1945 and 1946, and with a view to promoting consistency, clarity, and conformity to State Department of Education accounting practice, the Superintendent with the approval of the School and Finance Committees will use the following account divisions after January 1, 1953: Instruction, Textbooks and Supplies, Plant Operation, Maintenance, Auxiliary Agencies, General Control, Outlay, Contingency Fund. The same headings have been used in the organization of this report.

Primary School Principal

Miss Julia McCarthy, Principal of the South Acton School, will be the Principal of the eight-room primary building now under construction, and, as she will not have any teaching duties, she will be able to devote her full time to the supervision and administration necessary to mold four First and four Second Grades into an all-Acton consolidated primary school unit.

High School Principal

The rapidly expanding enrollment in the Acton system with its problems of housing, long-range planning, construc-

tion activities, and general administration, and the increasing complexity of the high school housing and operating situation caused the School Committee to officially separate the Superintendency and the Principalship in the spring of 1952. Under the leadership of Principal William O'Connell, who has been aided by an exceptionally well qualified faculty, the High School is building an outstanding record not only for academic and vocational preparation but in the broad field of extra-curricular activities which includes championship teams, gala social events, successful Magazine Drives, Bundle Day campaigns, debates, dramatics, publications, field trips, fund raising suppers, Student Council affairs, assemblies, and musical events.

OUTLAY

Vision Test

In the past Acton has borrowed vision-testing equipment, but the school enrollment has reached the point where in the judgment of the School Physician and School Nurse the school system should have its own apparatus.

Curtains

Each year the use of audio-visual teaching aids is increasing and an essential element of this educational activity is the ability to darken classrooms for the projection of films and film strips. Accordingly plans have been made to replace all badly worn translucent shades with opaque curtains and to increase the number of rooms which can be darkened quickly and effectively.

Furniture

Furniture for the new primary building has already been ordered, and fifty of the chairs were delivered during the Christmas vacation so that they could be used in the two temporary Second Grade classrooms established in the Jenks Apartments on School Street. The cost of the furniture for the new building comes out of the appropriation for the eight-room structure, and not out of the regular school budget. However, whatever new desks and chairs will be required for the establishment of a new Fifth Grade at West Acton will be paid for out of regular school funds.

Typewriters

Most of Acton High School's twenty-three Commercial Department typewriters date back to the "thirties", and some were made in the "twenties", so to prevent an increasing problem of obsolescence the School Committee has approved the Superintendent's recommendation that a new purchasing policy go into effect in 1953 to provide for the replacement of the machines on a three year cycle. Since the school gets the advantage of a near-cost price from the manufacturers, the annual cost of keeping all machines up to date should be nominal after the obsolete typewriters are replaced.

Contingency Fund

A school budget is at best only an estimate of the school financial needs for from two to fourteen months ahead of the time the budget is made up in the fall, and as such is subject to pitfalls growing out of economic changes, accidents, poor judgment, and social pressures. In the past all "padding" has been carefully pruned from the school budget with the result that heating equipment failure, price increases, roof leaks, changes in safety regulations, and other unanticipated expenditures have thrown the budget out of line and necessitated special town meeting approval for account transfers within the School Department Budget. For 1953 the School Committee, acting upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and with the approval of the Finance Committee, has authorized the establishment of a \$500 Contingency Account with the idea that this money will be available for unanticipated financial demands.

Public Relations

Cooperation with the various Town Departments and with the civic organizations in Acton has been emphasized to the advantage of all concerned.

The "community" motion picture projector, the purchase of which was authorized at the 1952 Town Meeting, has been in constant use by the schools, and has served the Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Cubs, and many other local organizations. In keeping with the "greater use of the school buildings" policy inaugurated in 1950, the High School has been used by the Boy and Girl Scouts, and is available to all Acton civic groups. Representatives of all Town Depart-

ments and organizations concerned with Safety attended the Traffic Safety Dinner Conference sponsored by the School Department early in December, Acton High Seniors and Juniors staged a debate as the feature of the December Grange meeting, and the Music Department provided the entertainment at the December meeting of the West Acton Woman's Club.

An organized plan for newspaper publicity has provided an effective means for keeping Acton people acquainted with the numerous activities, accomplishments, and developments concerning the school system, and many of the more important stories have been carried in the Globe, Traveler, and other metropolitan newspapers.

The School Department Report

Because 1953 may be the most crucial year in the development of Acton's long-range school policies, and with the conviction that Acton residents want the maximum amount of information about the schools they support, the Superintendent has compiled a much longer report than he has submitted in other years. Since the chief justification for such a long report is its effectiveness in conveying desired information to the voters, the Superintendent and the School Committee would appreciate oral or written comments regarding the worth of such a lengthy composition, so that these could serve as guides when next year's report is being prepared.

As I conclude my fifth School Department Report to the people of Acton I should like to express my appreciation to the members of the School Committee, to my hard-working faculty and staff associates, and to the nearly one thousand youngsters from Acton, Boxborough, Westford, and other places who have served on the school system's "team", which for five years in succession has bettered the record of the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITMAN PEARSON

Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS OF THE ACTON FACULTY

HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Professional Training	Subject
WILLIAM O'CONNELL Principal	Boston University Boston University	BS in Ed MS in Ed
CARL BOWMAN	Fitchburg Teachers College Boston University	BS in Ed BS in Ed
IRENE COSTELLO	Bridgewater Teachers College	English Social Studies
MARY EMERSON	University of New Hampshire	BS in Home Ec Home Economics Cafeteria
VINCENT GANNON	Boston University Catholic University Harvard	BS in Ed AM English
RAYMOND GREY	Tufts College Tufts College	AB MS in Ed History Geography
THEODORE HERSEY	St. Lawrence Boston University	BA MA French Spanish, Arithmetic
NORTON LEVY	University of Chicago University of Maine Harvard	BS MA Mathematics
		V.M.I.

Name	Professional Training	Subject
DOUGLASS MacDONALD	Colgate, U.C.L.A.	Social Studies
RUTH PROCTOR	Radcliffe College	Guidance, French English
ANNE RIMBACH	Fanny Farmer School Bryant and Stratton	Cafeteria
JACQUELINE ROBERTS	Salem Teachers College	Commercial Subjects
JOSEPH SHEEHAN	Boston University	Physical Education Coaching
RALPH STETSON	Mass. School of Art Northeastern University	Industrial Arts Driver Training
MARION TOWNE	Smith College	English Orientation
ANNE ZAMMITTI	Emmanuel College Portia Law School Tufts	Business Law English, Civics Arithmetic

SOUTH SCHOOL

Name	Professional Training	Grade
JULIA McCARTHY Principal	Fitchburg Teachers College	III

Name	Professional Training	Grade
HELEN DeCOSTE	The Lesley School	II
JESSIE GEMMA	Fitchburg Teachers College	VI
MADELEINE KINGSTON	Fitchburg Teachers College	IV
KATHERINE MATSEN	Smith College	V
FLORENCE MERRIAM	Fitchburg Teachers College	I
WEST SCHOOL		
CAROLYN DOUGLAS Principal	Fitchburg Teachers College	VI
JOANNE DAGDIGIAN	Regis College	III
ANNE DERBY	Lesley College	II
PHYLLIS MORSE	Fitchburg Teachers College	I
ELIZABETH TUFTS	Mass. School of Art	
	Gorham State Teachers College	IV
CENTER SCHOOL		
DARDANA BERRY Principal	Frammingham Teachers College	V

Name	Professional Training	Grade
MARGARETT BARRETT	Lowell Teachers College	II
RAMONA DAVIS	Boston University	IV
JOAN DWANE	Emmanuel College	III
CELINA MacLEAN	Perry Normal School	I

ALL SCHOOLS

JOHN PRISKE	Truro College	AB	Music
CAROL SPAULDING	New England Conservatory	MS	
ISADORE STEARNS	Mass. School of Art	BS in Ed	Art
MAUREEN CONLON	University of Maine	BS in Ed	Physical Education
WHITMAN PEARSON	Lowell Teachers College	BS in Ed	Remedial Reading
	Boston University	BS in Econ	
	Cambridge, Harvard	MS in Ed	
	University of Pennsylvania		

PRE-SCHOOL

Entering Classes of

1958 1957 1956 1955 1954 1953

Age 0-1 1-2 2-3 3-4 4-5 5-6

82 76 74 80 109 104

Grade I

II

III

IV

V

VI

Total — Elementary

Grade VII

VIII

IX

X

XI

XII

Total — Junior-Senior High

Total — Acton Schools

AGE AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE

(As of October 1, 1952 — includes tuition-paying students)

5-6 6-7 7-8 8-9 9-10 10-11 11-12 12-13 13-14 14-15 15-16 16-17 17-18 18-19 Totals

16 68 2 16 86

19 39 4 3 65

17 58 9 2 86

9 58 10 3 80

9 42 4 55

13 32 6 51

16 87 58 71 79 67 39 6 423

17 39 13 1 70

7 35 5 2 49

1 7 22 8 1 39

10 22 4 1 37

10 28 3 41

10 23 3 36

272

16 87 58 71 79 67 56 53 55 38 42 43 27 3 695

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

I will submit this report in two parts, namely: Athletics, and School Accomplishments.

Athletics. The Acton High School Athletic Association held elections for officers for the 1952-53 school year. The results of the election were: Richard Howell, President, and Janet Larrabee, Secretary-Treasurer. The following were selected as home room representatives: Grade 11, Charlotte Hill and George Morse; Grade 10, Urban McLellan and Lucy Newport; Grade 9, Sylvia Beaudoin and David Wilson; Grade 8, Patricia Perkins and Edwin Anderson; Grade 7, Irving Duren and Ellen Staples.

The Association, under the leadership of Chairman John Edgar, grossed more than \$2200 in the annual Magazine Drive. This bettered last year's all-time mark of \$1242 by almost one thousand dollars. The profits from this, together with the receipts of the annual A.A. Dance, left a balance in the A.A. account of over \$600. Warm-up jackets were purchased for the Girls' Basketball Team, as these were sorely lacking in the past years.

This year the Boys Physical Education Department and coaching was headed by Mr. Joseph Sheehan, who had such outstanding success here last year.

The girls were under the supervision of Miss Isadore Stearns, a graduate of the University of Maine, who succeeded Miss Irene Costello. Miss Stearns came here with an excellent background in girls physical education and sports, and she was selected as an All-Maine basketball and field hockey player while attending the university there.

This past fall the soccer team had an exceptional record of seven wins and one defeat. The field hockey team showed a two and four record. Although soccer has only been in the school for the past three years, it has grown tremendously, and there is talk now of forming a soccer league in this area.

It appears that we will have a better than average team in basketball this year. As of this writing the boys have won nine straight games without any defeats, and it appears that they might equal last year's team which was undefeated

in regular season play, last year's team having won twenty straight games without a defeat.

Miss Stearns has concentrated on using Freshmen and Sophomores on the girls basketball team, and although at this writing their record is three wins and five defeats, I am sure that within the next few years Acton girls basketball teams will be on a par with those of the boys.

We are again members of the Wachusett League Eastern Division, and our goal is to win the division title for the third straight year.

This year, as in the past, we will again have junior high school basketball and baseball under the able direction of Mr. Raymond Grey and Miss Irene Costello. It is only through this system that future players can be developed for the varsity teams.

It is worth noting that the Acton basketball team has been invited to the Tech Tournament for the past two years, and we are all in hopes of repeating for the third time.

School Accomplishments

1. *Driver Safety Program.* We at Acton High School have endeavored to stress safe driving since the opening of school in September. In the early fall we had two assemblies (Junior High and Senior High) conducted by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. A talk and a film were presented by Inspector James Press. In the first week of December the Atlantic Refining Company spent five school days with us to show our students the proper way to drive a car to help correct their mistakes. Every student in Acton High School who possessed a driving license was given the test and checked on a score card. The mistakes were pointed out with suggestions as to how to improve their driving. Later an eye test was given to each student in order to test their reaction.

2. The Womans Auxiliary of the Middlesex North District Massachusetts Medical Society of Lowell put on an assembly with the purpose of recruiting nurses from the Junior and Senior classes. The main speaker was Dr. Philip G. Berman, who is secretary of the Middlesex North District Medical Society. He was assisted by Mrs. S. Gunther Hajjar,

who answered the questions of the girls on problems of nursing.

3. In the early spring we intend to have members of the armed forces speak to our Senior boys on opportunities for them in the different branches.

4. Guidance Program. We have established a part-time guidance program in the high school under the direction of Miss Ruth Proctor. Miss Proctor will interview all students at the high school level to help them in any problems and give them advice on future employment opportunities. She will be in charge of all the testing so that she will be better able to direct the students into the proper channels. We feel proud of this program, because we are sure that we are one of the first schools with a student enrollment of less than three hundred to have a full time guidance director.

5. Rifle Team. At the junior and senior high school level this year a rifle team was started under the able direction of Mr. Norton Levy. Fundamentals were taught and officers were elected. With the cooperation of many of the parents of the boys, the Acton Rifle Team is using the Concord Armory as much as four times a week. Mr. Levy should be congratulated on the outstanding work he has done with this group of boys.

6. Senior Play. The Class of 1953 realized a profit of close to \$500 to be used towards their Washington Trip in April from the Annual Senior Play. One of our new teachers Mr. Vincent Gannon, with the help of Miss Ruth Proctor, Mr. Raymond Grey, and Miss Maureen Conlon, put on the play "Date Bait", which was thoroughly enjoyed by capacity audiences on both nights. This play grossed more money than any previous play in the history of Acton High School.

7. Washington Trip. The Class of 1953 will make the annual trip to Washington and Virginia during the spring vacation, April 20-25. This will be the fourth straight year the senior class has made this trip, which is actually a climax of four years of hard work. Most of the hard work is done during the senior year, but each class starts to put money away from the time they enter the freshman year. It gives each student an opportunity to visit New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk and Williamsburg. It has become so popular that other towns like Ayer

and Pepperell are considering sending their senior classes down to Washington this year for the first time. In behalf of Mr. Grey and the Senior Class I wish to thank all parents, friends and anyone who has helped this class to obtain the funds for this annual trip.

In conclusion I should like to thank the School Committee, Superintendent Pearson, and members of the faculty for their wonderful cooperation and outstanding loyalty.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL, Principal
Acton High School

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. Whitman Pearson
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as school physician.

The usual physical examinations were completed in January, 1953.

Early in the fall special examinations were conducted for those students participating in competitive athletics.

In accordance with the new law governing school health examinations in effect this year, an attempt was made to give more intensive examinations at intervals of three years as advised by the State Department of Public Health. Because of inadequate examining space in the grade schools, parents were not invited to attend examinations of the 4th grade pupils this year. It is hoped that this situation will be remedied in the near future and that many parents will be able to attend this appraisal of their child's health.

In conjunction with the Board of Health Schick Tests inoculations for diphtheria were given in May to the lower grades in the three precincts.

I wish to thank the superintendent, the townspeople, the teachers, and the school nurse for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL P. GATES, M.D.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Whitman Pearson
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Report for School year ending December 31, 1952.

The first half of this year's work was under the guidance of Mrs. Lillian F. Taylor, who has for many years so ably taken care of the school children of Acton before her retirement September 1, 1952.

The Pre-School and Diphtheria Clinics were held in May. Eye and Ear examinations for all the schools were supervised by Mrs. Taylor early in the year and are now being given again for this school year.

More thorough Physical Examinations have been done this year and it is hoped that this will provide a more comprehensive study of the students. The most common defects are (1) poorly taken care of teeth, and, (2) poor posture.

I would like to express my appreciation to all those who have so kindly helped me in getting acquainted with my new position.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN F. HALE, R.N.

GRADUATION EXERCISES, JUNE 13, 1952

Salutatorian Nancy Jean Winslow

Valedictorian Nancy Blanchard Lee

Acton High School Scholarships

Nancy Lee Massachusetts General Hospital
Nurses Training School

Nancy Winslow University of Massachusetts

Johanne Holbrook Hickox Secretarial School

Karen Kienow Valparaiso (Indiana) University

Judith Hamblin Boston University

Maureen Sweeney Stenotype Institute of Boston

Janice Phelps Bridgewater State Teachers College

Fred Richards Franklin Institute

Acton Center Woman's Club Scholarship

Mary McCarthy Boston University

West Acton Woman's Club Scholarship

Marcia Reed Boston University

Parent-Teachers Association Scholarship

Karen Kienow Valparaiso University

Edwards-Quimby Post, American Legion Medals for Scholarship, Loyalty, and Achievement

Nancy Lee John Steele

Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award Medal

Nancy Winslow

Rensselaer Medal for Excellence in Science and Mathematics

Nancy Lee

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Certificate

Nancy Lee

Reader's Digest Valedictorian Award

Nancy Lee

National Scholastic Honor Society Members

Karen Kienow Nancy Lee Janice Phelps

Nancy Winslow Helen Wetherbee

Richard Laffin (1953) David Sibel (1953)

CLASS OF 1952

Raleigh Williams Beach	Edna Nichols
Barbara Alden Davis	Janice Laura Parker
Beverly Ann Gratto	Janice Hazel Phelps
Gordon William Gravlin	Marcia Carol Reed
Charles Fletcher Greenough	Richard Albert Rhodes
Judith Linda Hamblin	Fred Carol Richards
Marion Marie Harrison	Lorraine Ann Russell
Johanne Wentworth Holbrook	Norma Pearl Smith
Karen Karla Kienow	Frederic Lewis Steele
Nancy Blanchard Lee	John Granville Steele
Paul Francis MacIntyre	Maureen Frances Sweeney
Meredith Frances Manion	Lee Christine Traver
Mary Ann McCarthy	Allen George Warner
Sarah Elizabeth Morong	Helen Louise Wetherbee
Nancy Jean Winslow	

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Acton's New Elementary School

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SEVERAL OFFICIAL BOARDS **ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

1953 ANNUAL REPORTS

of the Several Official Boards

For the Year Ending December Thirty-First



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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Appropriations for the year 1954 reflect the fact that various departments are operating efficiently in the face of the many problems resulting from a rapid population increase.

Advance tax information indicates that financial assistance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will not follow the increases in costs of Town Government. Recognizing this situation, the Finance Committee suggests that the Planning Board consider methods of obtaining the maximum use of existing Town equipment and facilities. The Finance Committee looks forward to the opportunity of cooperating closely with the Planning Board on future problems involving financial considerations.

After discussion with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health, the Finance Committee recommends that the operations of the Town Dump be transferred from the Board of Health to the Highway Department. This transfer should provide more efficient use of the Town's equipment and manpower. An Article to accomplish this result should be presented to the Town for consideration.

The school budget is expected to be the largest single item of all Town expenditure for many years. School costs will continue to be an increasingly large tax burden due to expansion at both the elementary and high school levels. In view of this burden it is essential that all future expendi-

tures for educational purposes be critically evaluated to determine their absolute necessity.

The budget of the Police Department as approved represents an increase of approximately 100% over 1951. It is expected that the costs of operating this Department should stabilize at current levels for an extended period.

In an effort to improve sound budgetary practices, the Finance Committee recommends that all Boards or Committees establish fixed salaries for their agents or inspectors.

The Finance Committee would like to thank all Boards and Committees for their cooperation during the past year.

AUBREY C. KRETSCHMAR
HERBERT W. MERRIAM
ROBERT F. CHARLES
BRADFORD S. LEACH
JOHN M. WHITTIER, Chairman
NORMAN MCINTOSH, Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, to wit:

Precinct 1 — Town Hall, Acton Center

Precinct 2 — Congregational Church, South Acton

Precinct 3 — Woman's Club House, West Acton

at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the first day of March, 1954, by posting a copy of this warrant, by you attested, at each of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at least before the first day of March.

To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers: Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, town collector, one selectman for three years; one selectman for two years (to fill vacancy); one selectman for one year (to fill vacancy); one assessor for three years; one member of the board of public welfare for three years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of the board of health for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for three years; a tree warden for one year; one member of the planning board for one year; one member of the planning board for two years; one member of the planning board for three years; one member of the planning board for four years; one member of the planning board for five years; one member of the Nagog Regional School District Committee for two years; one member of the Nagog Regional School District Committee for three years.

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock P.M.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton as aforesaid, to meet at the Town Hall in said Acton on Monday, March 8, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix the salary and compensation of all the elective officers of the town.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers and boards, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

It is recommended that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the Town as follows:

Item		Recommended 1954	Expended 1953
	General Government 3.6% of Total		
1	Moderator	\$ 55.00	\$ 85.00
2	Finance Committee Expense .	75.00	33.50
3	Selectmen's Dept. Salaries —		
	Wages	3,746.00	3,434.39
4	Expenses	200.00	135.53

5	Town Accountant Salary —		
	Wages	1,200.00	1,100.00
6	Expenses	150.00	96.15
7	Treasurer Salary — Wages ..	1,200.00	1,100.00
8	Expenses	350.00	503.07
9	Tax Collector Salary—Wages .	1,900.00	1,999.02
10	Expenses	350.00	483.93
11	Assessors' Salaries—Wages .	3,750.00	3,643.10
12	Expenses	300.00	279.80
13	Town Clerk Salary—Fees	800.00	663.00
14	Expenses	350.00	253.82
15	Elections & Registrations,		
	Salaries — Wages	1,598.00	833.15
16	Expenses	850.00	457.05
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17	Total General Government ...\$	16,874.00	\$ 15,100.51

Buildings and Grounds 1.5% of Total

18	Buildings & Grounds Salaries		
	Wages	3,760.00	2,248.61
19	Expenses	3,400.00	4,175.09
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20	Total Buildings and Grounds . \$	7,160.00	\$ 6,423.70

Protection of Persons and Property 12.1% of Total

21	Police Salaries and Wages ..\$	17,070.00	\$ 13,578.50
22	Expenses, including Cruiser operation and uniforms ...	4,325.00	2,544.89
23	Fire Dept. Salaries—Wages .	7,760.00	7,516.28
24	Expenses	5,961.00	4,384.54
25	Fire Alarm System—Salaries		
	Wages	3,820.00	3,180.00
26	Expenses	1,050.00	1,105.71
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	10,000.00	4,630.00
28	Sealer Wgts. & Measures		
	Salaries—Wages	250.00	250.00
29	Expenses	50.00	40.20
30	Moth Dept. Salaries—Wages .	1,500.00	1,488.70
31	Expenses	1,200.00	1,215.02

32	Tree Warden Salary—Wages	1,600.00	1,446.10
33	Expenses	1,000.00	1,005.32
34	Wire Inspector, Salary & Travel	750.00	650.00
35	Expenses	100.00	50.00
36	Dog Officer	450.00	450.00
37	Total Protection	\$ 56,886.00	\$43,535.26

Health and Sanitation 3.0% of Total

38	Board of Health Salaries — Wages	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
39	Expenses	400.00	200.28
40	Town & School Nurse	3,100.00	2,880.00
41	Expenses	750.00	660.00
42	Board of Health Agent — Salary	300.00	348.25
43	Expenses	450.00	448.25
44	Clerical Wages	800.00	—
44a	Inspector, Milk & Food — Salary	0.	211.75
45	Clerical Expense	300.00	—
45a	Inspector's Expenses	0.	330.14
46	Custodian—Town Dump— Salary	3,200.00	2,602.37
47	Expenses	700.00	1,004.30
48	State Sanatorium	2,500.00	1,785.18
49	Medical Supplies	150.00	261.45
50	School Clinic	300.00	142.62
51	Substitute Nurse	300.00	646.50
52	Garbage Collection (Spec. Mtg.—1-4-54)	0.	2,283.70
53	Inspector of Animals	150.00	150.00
54	Expenses	25.00	23.62
55	Total Health and Sanitation ..	\$ 13,475.00	\$ 13,879.91

Highways 7.2% of Total

56	Village Highways	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,998.72
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57	Chapt. 81 Highways	8,550.00	8,550.00
58	Chapt. 90 Highways	1,200.00	2,000.00
59	Snow Removal	13,000.00	10,968.86
60	Traffic Signs — Lines	500.00	377.68
61	Granite Marker Restoration ..	0.	88.50
62	Highway Vacations	700.00	657.60
63	Street Lighting	6,568.00	6,001.22

64	Total Highways	\$ 33,518.00	\$ 31,642.58
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Charities 11.5% of Total

65	Welfare District Administration and Welfare Board Salaries \$	1,475.00	\$ 1,090.00
66	General Relief	3,000.00	1,242.94
67	Old-Age Assistance	41,000.00	41,000.00
68	Aid to Dependent Children ..	5,000.00	5 000.00
69	Disability Assistance	3 500.00	3,500.00
70	Total Charities	\$ 53,975.00	\$ 51,832.94

Veterans' Aid 1.3% of Total

71	Veterans' Benefits Salary — Wages	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
72	Expenses	150.00	149.60
73	Veterans' Benefits Expendi- tures	5,000.00	4,360.00
74	Veterans' Services Salary — Wages	900.00	806.50
75	Expenses	50.00	6.00
76	Total Veterans' Aid	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 5,472.10

Education 44.4% of Total

77	Instruction	\$135,360.80	\$112,854.00
78	Textbooks and Supplies	11,247.53	6,779.73
79	Plant Operation	25,250.00	22,547.18
80	Maintenance	1,350.00	990.25
81	Auxiliary Agencies	21,225.00	10,303.49

82	General Control	9 400.00	8,664.47
83	Outlay	3,225.00	1,703.62
84	Contingency Fund	700.00	471.38
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85	Total Education	\$207,758.33	\$164,314.12

Libraries .8% of Total

86	Libraries Salaries & Wages \$	2,100.00	\$ 1,550.00
87	Expense	971.00	983.06
88	Books	660.00	600.00
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89	Total Libraries	\$ 3,731.00	\$ 3,133.06

Recreation .4% of Total

90	Playgrounds — both fields ...\$	1,500.00	\$ 611.26
91	Skating Rink	200.00	—
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92	Total Recreation	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 611.26

Cemeteries 2.6% of Total

93	Cemeteries Salaries—Wages (inc. vacations)	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,482.20
94	Expenses	2,500.00	2,297.32
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95	Total Cemeteries	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,779.52

Unclassified 2.3% of Total

96	Town Reports	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1 316.00
97	Workmen's Compensation ...	2,000.00	1,598.52
98	Surety Bonds	600.00	595.25
99	Town Counsel (Legal Services)	500.00	410.00
100	Fire Insurance Town Bldgs.	1,850.00	1,922.62
101	Memorial Day	600.00	520.87
102	Pension Fund	2,192.45	1,859.00
103	Pension Fund Expense	150.80	129.50

104	Military Service Fund	49.09	41.00
105	Miscellaneous	1,500.00	586.47
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106	Total Unclassified	\$ 10,942.34	\$ 8,979.23

Maturing Debt & Interest 9.3% of Total

107	Maturing Debt (Elem. and High Schools)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
108	Interest (Elem. and High High Schools)	5,560.00	5,875.00
109	Blanchard Auditorium Maturing Debt.	20,000.00	—
110	Interest (Blanchard Auditorium)	2,000.00	—
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111	Total Debt and Interest	\$ 43,560.00	\$ 21,875.00
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112	Total Budget	\$467,879.67	\$377,579.19

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends that the appropriation for this purpose be limited to \$1,500.00, which is the same amount voted for last year.

Article 6 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

This is the same amount approved by the Town for 1953.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 000.00 to be extended by the School Committee for the purchase of a tractor-mowing machine, or act anything thereon.

The purchase of a tractor-mowing machine at a cost of \$1,000.00 is considered to be an unnecessary extravagance because of the relatively small area to be cared for around the High and New Elementary schools. If the present equipment is not considered to be adequate, it is recommended that the School Department arrange for the use of the mower used at Jones Field.

The Finance Committee disapproves of this article.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of rehabilitating the present Acton High School, or act anything thereon.

Attention is invited to the heavy increase in school costs for this year, and the impending heavy expenditures necessary for the construction of new High School facilities.

Until such time as the problem of furnishing and financing new High School facilities has been satisfactorily resolved, it is considered unwise to spend any substantial amount of money for renovation of existing structures. Furthermore, no specific figures have been available for consideration.

The Finance Committee, therefore, recommends that any appropriations under this article be deferred until such time as the voters have available for consideration information on the entire High School situation.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,700.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

This is a routine bookkeeping transfer and is recommended for approval.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended, — the amount is the same as last year.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or act anything thereon.

This appropriation is the same as for 1953 and is recommended for the continued program of poison ivy control.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949, or act anything thereon.

This is the same appropriation as for 1953 and is mandatory by the State.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for thinning out of hardwood trees in the Town Forest, or act anything thereon.

Approval of this money is recommended for the continuance of the program of Town Forest improvement.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase of an Electric Chain Saw, Generator and Flood Light for the Tree Department, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee considers that the purchase of this equipment will enable the Tree Department to operate more effectively and efficiently. Approval is recommended.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department, or take any action thereon.

As stated last year, it is the opinion of the Finance Committee that the costs of this program should be sustained

by outside subscription and not by the taxpayers. Approval is not recommended.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for Protection for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies covering loss of life, total disability, weekly indemnity and medical expense coverage, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, or some other sum, to be set aside as a Fire Apparatus Depreciation Fund, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends the sum of \$5,000 be raised and appropriated as an addition to the Fire Apparatus Depreciation Fund.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$500.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of an electric generating set, trimmer and a power mower for the Cemetery Department, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that the sum of \$500.00 be transferred from the Surplus Revenue account for purchase of the equipment indicated.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$425.00, or any other sum, for the installation of four (4) poles, transformer and wires, for the purpose of installing electricity and telephone service in the office at Mt. Hope Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Transfer from the Surplus Revenue account for this purpose is recommended.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for new construction of Main Street from Kelley's Corner to Acton Center; said money to be used in conjunction with \$4,000.00 to be allotted by the County, and \$8,000.00 to be allotted by the State, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Approval of the conditions of this article is recommended.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,825.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of two or more radios and alternators for the Fire Department, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that the sum of \$1825.00 be approved.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00, or any other sum, to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed) Chapter 40, Section 5, Sub-section 1, as amended, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$410.00 to replace the present

counter and grating at the Acton Memorial Library with a new charge desk, or act anything thereon.

It is expected that installation of new desk arrangements would materially improve efficiency of operation and convenience to callers. Expenditure of \$410.00 is therefore recommended.

Article 25. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to maintain and operate the Blanchard Auditorium, or act anything thereon.

No information is now available on which to make any recommendation.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 (approx.) as a guarantee to the Acton Water District toward the extension of the present 6 inch water main on Concord Road along Hosmer Street to Massachusetts Avenue (now Route 2), thence to the Acton town dump on Massachusetts Avenue. This sum to be spent \$300.00 each year for a period of 10 years as the Town's share in defraying the interest on said extension, or as payment for the water used at the dump, or act anything thereon.

In view of the statements which have been made to the effect that commercial interests are prepared to guarantee the extension described, the Finance Committee does not approve of this article.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225.00 for the purchase of an adding machine for the office of the Town Collector and authorize him to trade-in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and either raise or transfer a sum of money for the Acton Members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee

and authorize them to appoint one of their members as Agent to familiarize the members with the arrangement and construction of the Blanchard Auditorium as may pertain to the future operation and maintenance thereof and fix the compensation of said Agent, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of the Acton Members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee).

It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that the specifications and drawings prepared by the architect, and the on-the-spot assistance of the contractors responsible for installing equipment, would normally be sufficient to familiarize custodians with operatnig requirements. Therefore this article is not approved.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a pump for the forestry truck and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

The cost for this replacement is recommended.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a new cruiser and radio for same for the Police Department, or act anything thereon.

The addition of permanent members to the Police Department will necessitate a new cruiser. It is expected that the new vehicle — which will also include facilities for stretcher cases — will provide the opportunity for increased flexibility and efficiency of operation. The Finance Committee approves the expenditure of \$3,200.00 for a new cruiser.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Machinery Fund, the sum of \$2,200.00 for the purchase of a tractor-loader for the Highway Department and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

Because of increasing maintenance costs on present equipment it is considered most efficient to acquire a new tractor-loader. The Finance Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,200. and the trade-in of the present loader.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of a new snow plow for the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,250.00 for the extension of the Fire Alarm System for the Town of Acton; \$750.00 of which to be used for the extension of circuits and \$1,500.00 for the installation of ten fire alarm boxes, or act anything thereon.

The requested extensions are approved.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425.00 for fireproofing the boiler room of the West Acton Fire Station, or act anything thereon.

Dangerous existing conditions necessitate this expenditure and the amount requested is approved.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,550.00 for the purchase and installation of a heating system in the South Acton Fire Station, or act anything thereon.

A dangerous situation also exists in the South Acton Station and an appropriation of \$1,550 for correction is approved.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the installation of street

lights on eleven poles on Central Street from Elm Street to Nashoba Road, West Acton, or act anything thereon. (Requested by a petition bearing eighteen (18) signatures).

The Finance Committee disapproves this article, inasmuch as funds are provided in the general budget for street light installations.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to study the needs of additional equipment for the Acton Fire Department and report to the Town at the next annual or special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

There appears to be no necessity for any action at the present time and it is recommended that this article be passed over.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00, or any other sum, for the Acton Planning Board, or act anything thereon.

An appropriation of \$500 is approved for the requirements of the Planning Board during the remainder of the year.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the taking of the State Census beginning January 1, 1955, or act anything thereon.

The article is approved.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the use of Pony League baseball in this area, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing ten (10) signatures).

The Finance Committee does not approve this article. Expenditures of this nature should not be a part of the tax structure.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more traveled way, extending in an easterly direction from Arlington Street, a distance of approximately 251 feet plus an 80 foot circle, said road to be known as Haynes Court, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing ten (10) signatures.)

The Finance Committee disapproves of this article. The recommendation for approval of roads is now the responsibility of the permanent Planning Board in accordance with Articles eleven and twelve of the By-Laws of the Town as approved at the 1953 Annual Meeting.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in an easterly and northerly direction from Central Street to Seneca Road, a distance of approximately 2,250 feet, said road to be known as Mohawk Drive, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing eleven (11) signatures).

The reason for disapproval is the same as indicated under Article 41.

Article 43. To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width and a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in an easterly direction from the way now known as Mohawk Drive, a distance of approximately 570 feet, said road to be known as Seneca Road, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing eleven (11) signatures).

The reason for disapproval is the same as indicated under Article 41.

Article 44. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that \$3,000 be raised and appropriated and \$3,000 be transferred from the Overlay Surplus to be used as a Reserve Fund.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting in not less than six public places in the town to be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this fifteenth day of January, 1954.

ARTHUR W. LEE

LAWRENCE DONNELLY

GEORGE S. BRAMAN

Selectmen of Acton

A true copy.

Attest: MICHAEL FOLEY,

Constable of Acton.

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 9, 1953**

Article 1. (Officers) To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix the salary and compensation of all the elective officers of the town.

Chose: Clara L. Sawyer trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose: Helen B. Wood trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund to fill vacancy for two years.

Chose: Frederick T. Kennedy trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: Arno H. Perkins trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: Frank E. Greenough trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for one evening and twenty-five dollars for two evenings for the annual town meeting and ten dollars for each special meeting.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen be four hundred dollars per annum and the other members three hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be eleven hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Tax Collector be one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salaries of the Assessors be thirty-four hundred dollars in the aggregate per annum, to be apportioned as they may determine.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be four hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Tree Warden be fixed at \$1.35 per hour plus 75 cents per hour for use of a truck.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum, the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum.

Article 2. (Reports) To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers and boards, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the several reports of the town officers.

Voted: To accept a supplemental report of the Auditorium-Gymnasium Building Committee.

At a meeting on March 6th with Mr. John Marshall, Administrator for the School Building Assistance Commission, attended by the Superintendent of Schools, two Selectmen, members of the Finance Committee, School Committee, Regional Planning Board, and the Auditorium-Gymnasium Building Committee, Mr. Marshall promised aid on a High School size gymnasium that will tie into a Regional High School. We have received a letter confirming this proposal.

Because of the Town's acceptance of the Regional School agreement, this Committee recommends that the Town vote on Article 42 to make \$275,000.00 available to the Building

Committee so that plans and construction can proceed forthwith on a High School size gymnasium that will contain more than twice the floor area that was in the building that was formerly recommended by this committee to be built under Article 41.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
School Building Assistance Commission
88 Broad Street, Boston 10

March 6, 1953

Mr. Porter G. Jenks
Rear 303 Central Street
West Acton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Jenks:

I am writing to summarize briefly our conference in this office this morning. It was gratifying to have before us for the first time a concrete proposal for constructing needed school facilities in Acton in a manner compatible with the stipulations of the Blanchard gift and the requirements of this office.

The proposal is to use local funds to build a high school gymnasium, to serve as the gymnasium of the regional high school recently voted by Acton and Littleton.

This we can gladly approve. I would call your attention to the following points of our discussion today:

1. Your committee should advise with this office during the planning, and obtain written approval of the plans before construction is begun. I appreciate your willingness also to advise with the regional district school committee when it is organized, so that the gymnasium will be easy to link with the total high school plant.

2. Since under the terms of the Blanchard gift the Town of Acton is to construct and retain title to the gymnasium, it will be necessary for us to apply the local rate (about 36 per cent) to the project.

3. Our approval of this project is predicated upon its being available for use by the regional high school. I assume the regional high school will be under construction by the time your committee requests reimbursement for the gymnasium.

I look forward to working with you on this project.

Cordially yours,

/s/ JOHN E. MARSHALL

John E. Marshall

Administrator

JEM/jv

cc: Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert Stow

Article 3. (Reports) To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Voted. To pass over the Article.

Article 4. (Expenses) To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the Town as follows:

General Government

1	Moderator	\$ 55.00
2	Finance Committee Expense	75.00
3	Selectmen's Dept. Salaries & Wages	3,684.00
4	Expenses	200.00
5	Town Accountant Salary & Wages	1,100.00
6	Expenses	100.00
7	Treasurer Salary & Wages	1,100.00
8	Expenses	350.00
9	Tax Collector Salary & Wages ...	1,800.00
10	Expenses	300.00
11	Assessors' Salaries & Wages	3,750.00
12	Expenses	300.00
13	Town Clerk Salary & Fees	800.00
14	Expenses	350.00
15	Elections & Registrations Salaries & Wages	780.00
16	Expenses	540.00
17	Total General Government	<hr/> \$ 15,284.00

Buildings and Grounds

18	Buildings & Grounds Salaries & Wages	\$ 3,100.00
19	Expenses	5,525.00
20	Total Buildings and Grounds	<hr/> 8,625.00

Protection of Persons and Property

21	Police Salaries & Wages	\$ 13,418.00
22	Expenses, including Cruiser operation and uniforms	2,550.00

23	Fire Dept. Salaries & Wages	6,180.00	
24	Expenses	4,343.00	
25	Fire Alarm System		
	Salaries & Wages	3,820.00	
26	Expenses	1,050.00	
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	4,775.00	
28	Sealer Wgts. & Measures		
	Salary & Wages	250.00	
29	Expenses	50.00	
30	Moth Dept. Salaries & Wages	1,500.00	
31	Expenses	1,200.00	
32	Tree Warden Salary & Wages	1,500.00	
33	Expenses	1,000.00	
34	Wire Inspector, Salary & Travel .	650.00	
35	Expenses	50.00	
36	Dog Officer	450.00	
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37	Total Protection		42,786.00

Health and Sanitation

38	Board of Health Salaries & Wages \$	50.00	
39	Expenses	225.00	
40	Town and School Nurse	2,865.00	
41	Expenses	700.00	
42	Board of Health Agent Salary . . .	200.00	
43	Expenses	450.00	
44	Inspector, Milk & Food, Salary . .	150.00	
45	Expenses	250.00	
46	Custodian, Town Dump, Salary . .	1,850.00	
47	Expenses	600.00	
48	State Sanitorium	2,500.00	
49	Medical Supplies	150.00	
50	School Clinic	300.00	
51	Substitute Nurse	200.00	
52	Garbage Collection	2,250.00	
53	Inspector of Animals	150.00	
54	Expenses	25.00	
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55	Total Health and Sanitation		12,915.00

Highways

56	Village Highways	\$ 3,000.00	
57	Chapter 81 Highways	8,550.00	
58	Chapter 90 Highways	2,000.00	
59	Snow Removal	12,000.00	
60	Traffic Signs & Lines	500.00	
61	Granite Marker Restoration	500.00	
62	Highway Vacations	700.00	
63	Street Lighting	6,160.00	
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64	Total Highways		33,410.00

Charities

65	Welfare District Administration		
	Welfare Board Salaries	\$ 950.00	
66	General Relief	3,000.00	
67	Old Age Assistance	41,000.00	
68	Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00	
69	Disability Assistance	3,500.00	
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70	Total Charities		53,450.00
71	Veterans' Benefits		
	Salary & Wages	\$ 150.00	
72	Expenses	150.00	
73	Veterans' Benefits Expenditures .	5,000.00	
	Salary & Wages	1,050.00	
74	Veterans Services		

Veterans' Aid

75	Expenses	50.00	
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76	Total Veterans' Aid		6,400.00

Education

77	Instruction	\$ 115,170.00	
78	Textbooks & Supplies	6,780.00	
79	Plant Operation	22,550.00	
80	Maintenance	1,000.00	
81	Auxiliary Agencies	11,520.00	
82	General Control	8,700.00	
83	Outlay	1,750.00	
84	Contingency Fund	500.00	
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85	Total Education		167,970.00

Libraries

86	Libraries Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,600.00	
87	Expenses	980.00	
88	Books	600.00	
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89	Total Libraries		3,180.00

Recreation

90	Playgrounds — both fields	\$ 1,500.00	
91	Skating Rink	500.00	
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92	Total Recreation		2,000.00

Cemeteries

93	Cemeteries Salaries & Wages	\$ 8,500.00	
	(Including vacations)		
94	Expenses	2,300.00	
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95	Total Cemeteries		10,800.00

Unclassified

96	Town Reports	\$ 1,325.00	
97	Workmen's Compensation	2,300.00	
98	Surety Bonds	600.00	
99	Town Counsel (Legal Services) ..	500.00	
100	Fire Insurance Town Buildings ..	2,700.00	
101	Memorial Day	600.00	
102	Pension Fund	1,859.00	
103	Pension Fund Expense	130.00	
104	Military Service Fund	41.00	
105	Miscellaneous	1,500.00	
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106	Total Unclassified		11,555.00

Maturing Debt & Interest

107	Maturing Debt (Elem. & High Schools)	\$ 16,000.00	
108	Interest (Elem. & High Schools) .	5,875.00	
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109	Total Debt & Interest		21,875.00
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110	Total Budget		\$390,250.00

Special Articles

Art. 5.	Vocational tuition	\$ 1,500.00
Art. 6.	Physical Education	500.00
Art. 7.	School Lunch Account	200.00
Art. 10.	Replacement of Shade Trees .	250.00
Art. 12.	Eradication of Poison Ivy ..	1,000.00
Art. 13.	Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00
Art. 14.	Town Forest	100.00
Art. 15.	Water Safety Account	500.00
Art. 16.	Traffic Zone Speed Signs ...	900.00
Art. 17.	Insurance (Fire Companies)	300.00
Art. 21.	New Construction (Main St.)	3,000.00
Art. 23.	Fire Alarm System	2,150.00

Art. 25. Painting	
(West Acton Fire House) ..	600.00
Art. 35. Officer & Employee Insurance	1,000.00
Art. 37. Surface Drainage Survey ...	1,000.00
Art. 38. Zoning Committee	500.00
Art. 44. Unpaid Bills	753.23
Art. 45. Reserve Fund	3,000.00
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Total to be raised and appropriated under Special Articles	18,253.23
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Total to be raised and appropriated ...	\$408,503.23

Transfers

Art. 8. Lighting Fixtures	
West School	\$ 1,000.00
Art. 9. Machinery Account	2,500.00
Art. 11. Mist Blower, Moth Dept. ...	2,400.00
Art. 18. Highway Dept.	
(Mach. Fund) Truck	6,500.00
Art. 19. Fire Apparatus	
Depreciation Fund	5,000.00
Art. 20. Cemetery Land Fund	1,500.00
Art. 22. Highways	26,675.00
Art. 24. New Cruiser Police Dept. ...	600.00
Art. 26. Radios & Alternators	
Fire Dept.	1,650.00
Art. 27. Air Compressor	
(Cemetery Dept.)	1,000.00
Art. 36. Spreader Body	
Sanding Highways	1,500.00
Art. 42. Trustees of	
Blanchard Foundation	150,000.00
Art. 42. Auditorium-Gymnasium ...	20,000.00
Art. 45. Reserve Fund	3,000.00
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Total Transfers	223,825.00

Borrow

Art. 42. Auditorium-Gymnasium ...\$ 100,000.00

100,000.00

Grand Total \$731,828.23

Article 5. (Vocational Tuition) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws.

Article 6. (Physical Education) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws.

Article 7. (School Lunch) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to continue the Special School Lunch Account, according to the provisions of Chapter 417 of the Acts of 1950, or take any action thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred (200) dollars to continue the Special School Lunch Account, according to the provisions of Chapter 417 of the Acts of 1950.

Article 8. (Lighting Fixtures) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for

the installation of new lighting fixtures in two rooms at the West School, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of One thousand (1000) dollars for the installation of new lighting fixtures in two rooms at the West School.

Article 9. (Machinery Fund) To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of Twenty-five hundred (2500) dollars from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred fifty (250) dollars for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees.

Article 11. (Mist Blower) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$2 400.00 for the purchase of a Mist Blower for the Moth Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Twenty-four hundred (2400) dollars for the purchase of a Mist Blower for the Moth Department.

Article 12. (Poison Ivy) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand (1000) dollars for the Tree Department for the eradi-

cation of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds.

Article 13. (Dutch Elm Disease) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand (1000) dollars for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949.

Article 14. (Town Forest) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for thinning out of hardwood trees in the Town Forest, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred (100) dollars for the thinning out of hardwood trees in the Town Forest.

Article 15. (Water Safety Program) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department.

Article 16. (Traffic Speed Signs) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the purchase and erection of traffic zone speed signs on Main Street from Route 2A to the Carlisle Line; also on Concord

Road from Main Street to Route 2A; and on Nagog Hill Road between Main Street and Concord Road, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Nine hundred (900) dollars for the purchase and erection of traffic zone speed signs on Main Street from Route 2A to the Carlisle Line; also on Concord Road from Main Street to Route 2A; and on Nagog Hill Road between Main Street and Concord Road.

Article 17. (Insurance Fire Dept.) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Protection for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies covering loss of life, total disability, weekly indemnity and medical expense coverage, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred (300) dollars for Protection for Members of the Volunteer Fire Companies covering loss of life, total disability, weekly indemnity and medical expense coverage, purchase and administer by the Board of Fire Engineers and the Trustees of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund.

Article 18. (Highway Truck) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Machinery Fund, the sum of \$6,500.00 for the purchase of a truck for the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Machinery Fund, the sum of Six thousand five hundred (6500) dollars for the purchase of a truck for the Highway Department.

Article 19. (Fire Apparatus Depreciation) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, or some other sum, to be set aside as a Fire Apparatus Depreciation Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Five thousand (5000) dollars to be set aside as a Fire Apparatus Depreciation Fund and said sum to be placed on deposit at interest until required.

Article 20. (Woodlawn Cemetery) To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 from the Cemetery Land Fund for the purpose of clearing, grading and laying out new sections for cemetery lots in Woodlawn Cemetery, and to authorize said Cemetery Commissioners to do anything necessary, proper and expedient for carrying out the above purposes, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate the sum of Fifteen hundred (1500) dollars from the Cemetery Land Fund for the purpose of clearing, grading and laying out new sections for cemetery lots in Woodlawn Cemetery, and to authorize said Cemetery Commissioners to do anything necessary, proper and expedient for carrying out the above purposes.

Article 21. (Highway Construction) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for new construction of Main Street from Kelley's Corner to Acton Center; said money to be used in conjunction with \$4 000.00 to be allotted by the County, \$8,000.00 to be allotted by the State, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand (3000) dollars for new construction of Main Street from Kelley's Corner to Acton Center; said money to be used in conjunction with Three thousand (3000) dollars to be allotted by the County and Six thousand (6000) dollars to be allotted by the State.

Article 22. (Highways) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Twenty-six thousand six hundred seventy-five (26,675) dollars provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account. This sum to be made up as follows:

Chapter 81 Maintenance State	\$15,675.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance State	1,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance County	1,000.00
New Construction State	6,000.00
New Construction County	3,000.00
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	\$26,675.00

Article 23. (Fire Alarm System) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,150.00, or any other sum, for the extension of the Fire Alarm System from Massachusetts Avenue up Charter Road to Hayward Road, then easterly along Hayward Road to the Rex factory; also for the purchase and installation of ten Fire Alarm Boxes on existing circuits, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one hundred fifty (2150) dollars for the extension of the Fire Alarm System from Massachusetts Avenue up Charter Road to Hayward Road, then easterly along Hayward Road to the Rex factory; and the purchase and installation of ten Fire Alarm Boxes on existing circuits.

Article 24. (Police Cruiser) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$600.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old cruiser, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Six hundred (600) dollars for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old cruiser.

Article 25. (Painting West Acton Fire House) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00, or any other sum, for the painting of the exterior of the West Acton Fire House, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred (600) dollars for the painting of the exterior of the West Acton Fire House.

Article 26. (Radios — Fire Dept.) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of two or more radios and alternators for the Fire Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Sixteen hundred fifty (1650) dollars, for the purchase of two or more radios and alternators for the Fire Department.

Article 27. (Air Compressor, Cemetery) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of an air compressor for the Cemetery Department and authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to trade-in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of One thousand (1000) dollars for the purchase of an air compressor for the Cemetery Department and authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to trade-in or sell the old one.

Article 28. (Planning Board) To see if the town will vote under authority of Chapter 41, Section 81A of the General Laws to establish a Planning Board to consist of not less than five members and not more than nine; the terms of office to be so arranged that the term of at least one member will expire each year, and their successors shall be elected for terms of five years each, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That under authority of Chapter 41, Section 81A of the General Laws, a Planning Board shall be established to consist of five members; the terms of office to be so arranged that the term of at least one member will expire each year, and their successors shall be elected for terms of five years each and they shall be elected by ballot at the annual town election.

Article 29. (Planning Board) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as the Planning Board under Chapter 41, General Laws, Section 81A; until such time as an official Planning Board is elected at a subsequent annual meeting; or act anything thereon.

Voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as a Planning Board under Chapter 41, General Laws, Section 81A; until such time as an official Planning Board is elected at the next annual town election.

Article 30. (By-Laws) To see if the town will vote to amend Section two (2) of the Town By-Laws by adding the following articles, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. Every way that shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, shall be laid out forty feet or more in width, with twenty-four feet or more of approved road building materials that shall meet the requirements of the Planning Board.

Article 12. If an existing private way shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, such way shall not be accepted unless and until the Planning Board shall have certified in writing that such way meets the requirements of Article 11.

Article 30. Voted Unanimously: To amend Section two (2) of the Town By-Laws by adding the following articles.

Article 11. Every way that shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, shall be laid

out forty feet or more in width, with twenty-four feet or more of approved road building materials that shall meet the requirements of the Planning Board.

Article 12. If an existing private way shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, such way shall not be accepted unless and until the Planning Board shall have certified in writing that such way meets the requirements of Article 11.

Article 31 (Extension of Orchard Dr.) To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen, of the remainder of Orchard Drive extending in a northerly direction a distance of approximately 675 feet by land of Mercier, Jackson, Nash, Thiebold, Lund, Benson and others, a plan of which is filed in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Orchard Drive; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for surfacing the same, or act anything thereon.

Motion: To accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen, of the remainder of Orchard Drive extending in a northerly direction a distance of approximately 675 feet by land of Mercier, Jackson, Nash, Thiebold, Lund, Benson and others, a plan of which is filed in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Orchard Drive, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for surfacing the same.

Motion did not prevail.

Article 32. (Lilac Ct.) To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of a road in South Acton, a distance of approximately 725 feet by land of Ringland, Gale, Hickey, Pond, Stevens and others, a plan of which is filed in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Lilac Court, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for surfacing the same, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 33. (Mohawk Dr.) To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of a road in West Acton, extending in an easterly and northerly direction from Central Street, a distance of approximately 1250 feet by land of Doyle, Modica, Grancey, Sinnett, Howe, Sisson, and others, a plan of which is on file in the office of the town clerk; said way to be named Mohawk Drive, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for surfacing the same, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 34. (By-Law) To see if the town will vote to amend Section Two (2) of the Town By-Laws by adding the following article thereto:

Article 13. All regular and permanent employees of the several departments of the Town shall be granted vacations without loss of pay and the Board of Selectmen may grant sick leaves and additional days off to said regular and permanent employees without loss of pay, in accordance with Section 21A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 5 of Chapter 798 of the acts of 1951.

or act anything thereon.

Motion: To amend Section Two (2) of the Town By-Laws by adding the following article thereto:

Article 13. All regular and permanent employees of the several departments of the Town shall be granted vacations without loss of pay and the Board of Selectmen may grant sick leaves and additional days off to said regular and permanent employees without loss of pay, in accordance with Section 21A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 5 of Chapter 798 of the Acts of 1951.

Motion did not prevail.

Article 35. (Insurance) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property, caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Subsection 1, as amended, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand (1000) dollars to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property, caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Subsection 1, as amended.

Article 36. (Highways Spreader) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a spreader body for sanding highways, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for the purchase of a spreader body for sanding highways.

Article 37. (Drainage) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for survey work in connection with surface drainage on parts of Central Street; School Street, West Acton; and Arlington Street, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand (1000) dollars for survey work in connection with surface drainage on parts of Central Street; School Street, West Acton; and Arlington Street.

Article 38. (Zoning) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the printing of the Zoning Code and maps for the Zoning Committee, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars for printing of the Zoning Code and maps for the Zoning Committee.

Article 39. (School) To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee of five members to be appointed by the Moderator, Chairman of the Finance Board, and Chairman of the School Committee to investigate and recommend additional school facilities and report to the next special or regular town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 40. (School) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the committee appointed under Article 39, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 41. (Auditorium & Gymnasium) To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00. the gift from the Trustees of the Blanchard Foundation, for the purpose of constructing a combined auditorium and gymnasium, said building to be known as "The Blanchard Auditorium", to be built on land already acquired by the town on the northeast corner of Mass. Avenue and Charter Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 42. (The Blanchard Auditorium) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for

the purpose of constructing a combined auditorium and gymnasium and for originally equipping and furnishing said auditorium, said building to be known as "The Blanchard Auditorium"; determine whether the money shall be provided for by transfer from available funds and by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and by appropriation of a gift of \$150,000.00 from the Trustees of the Blanchard Foundation, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted Unanimously: That the sum of Two hundred seventy thousand (270,000) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a combined auditorium and gymnasium and for originally equipping and furnishing said auditorium, said building to be known as "The Blanchard Auditorium"; and to meet said appropriation the sum of One hundred fifty thousand (150,000) dollars received as a gift from the Trustees of the Blanchard Foundation be appropriated therefor, that the sum of Twenty thousand (20,000) dollars be appropriated from available revenue funds and that the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of One hundred thousand (100,000) dollars, under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than five years from the date of issue of the first bond or note.

Article 43. (Building Committee) To see if the town will authorize the auditorium and gymnasium building committee to exercise full power to bind the town in all manner of contracts and agreements necessary for the construction, equipment and furnishing of The Blanchard Auditorium, or take any action thereto.

Voted Unanimously: To authorize the auditorium and gymnasium building committee to exercise full power to bind the town in all manner of contracts and agreements necessary for the construction, equipment and furnishing of "The Blanchard Auditorium".

Article 44. (Unpaid Bills) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for unpaid bills as follows:

\$455.60 for Old Age Assistance for the year 1951
58.90 for General Relief for the year 1951
144.50 for Fees for the Town Clerk for the year 1952
44.23 for Expenses of the Town Clerk for the year
1952
50.00 for Town Clerk as Clerk of Registrars for the
year 1952

\$753.23

or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for unpaid bills:

\$455.60 for Old Age Assistance for the year 1951
58.90 for General Relief for the year 1951
144.50 for Fees for the Town Clerk for the year 1952
44.23 for Expenses of the Town Clerk for the year
1952
50.00 for Town Clerk as Clerk of Registrars for the
year 1952

\$753.23

Article 45. (Reserve Fund) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate Three thousand (3000) dollars and to transfer Three thousand (3000) dollars to be used as a Reserve Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 25, 1953**

Article 1. (Blanchard Auditorium) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease or license the proposed Blanchard Auditorium to the Nagog Regional School District, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of Nagog Regional School District Committee.)

Voted Unanimously: That the Board of Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to lease or license the proposed Blanchard Auditorium to the Nagog Regional School District.

Voted Unanimously: Resolution: It is the consensus of the meeting that the Selectmen follow in the main the request of the Nagog Regional School District Committee as far as is legally possible.

Article 2. (Regional School) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a portion of the land west of Charter Road and north of Massachusetts Avenue, to the Nagog Regional School District at a figure not less than the cost to the Town of Acton, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of Nagog Regional School District Committee.)

Voted Unanimously: That the Board of Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to sell a portion of the land west of Charter Road and north of Massachusetts Avenue to the Nagog Regional School District at a figure not less than the cost to the Town of Acton.

Article 3. (Regional School) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Nagog Regional School District or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of Nagog Regional School District Committee.)

Voted Unanimously: That the sum of Twenty-two thousand six hundred sixty-eight (22,668) dollars be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account for the use of the Nagog Regional School District.

Voted to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee pertain to the Articles considered at the Town Meeting of May 25, 1953.

Article 1.

The Finance Committee favors the leasing of the Blanchard gymnasium to the Nagog Regional School District.

Article 2.

The Finance Committee recommends the passing of this article authorizing the selectmen to sell the necessary land to the Nagog Regional School District.

Article 3.

The Finance Committee recommends the sum of \$22,668. be transferred from surplus revenue for the use of the Nagog Regional School District.

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JULY 6, 1953**

Article 1. (Blanchard Auditorium) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and either raise, borrow or transfer an additional sum of money, not to exceed \$33,000.00, for the construction of a combined auditorium and gymnasium and for originally equipping and furnishing the so-called "Blanchard Auditorium", or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Thirty-three thousand (33,000) dollars for the construction of a combined auditorium and gymnasium and for originally equipping and furnishing the so-called "Blanchard Auditorium".

Voted: To adjourn at 9:45 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee pertain to the Articles considered at the Town Meeting of July 6, 1953.

The Blanchard Auditorium Gymnasium Building Committee having received bids for their construction of the building considerably in excess of what they had anticipated, would like an additional \$33,000. toward the building. The Finance Committee believes that it is in the public interest to hold a special Town Meeting and appropriate this sum, at which the Town should transfer from surplus revenue approximately \$21,200. and the balance of \$11 800. will be received from the State School Building Assistance Commission.

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JULY 27, 1953**

Article 1. (Rent Control) To see if the Town will vote to declare that a substantial shortage of rental housing accommodations exists in the Town of Acton and that the control of rents therein is necessary in the public interest and to accept the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1953, or take any action relating thereto.

Motion: To pass over the Article.

Total Ballot Vote 89

Yes 50

No 39

Voted: To adjourn at 9:45 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, AUGUST 31, 1953**

Article 1. (Water at Dump) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and either raise or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 as the annual assessment to the Town of Acton by the West and South Water Supply District of Acton, provided that an extension is installed either from Taylor

Road along Route 2 to the Acton dump, or from Concord Road along Hosmer Street to Route 2 thence Westerly along Route 2 to the Acton dump, and that a hydrant be installed at the dump, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: That a committee of three members be appointed by the Moderator before October 1, 1953, to undertake an immediate study of alternative methods, routes, and costs of furnishing water service to the Town Dump, and to prepare for inclusion in the next Annual Town Meeting an article to accomplish the recommendation developed by its study.

Committee appointed by the Moderator, September 14, 1953: F. Wendell Putnam, Jr., Edward J. Higgins and John F. Moore.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee pertain to the Articles considered at the Town Meeting of August 31, 1953.

The Finance Committee favors a water supply at the dump but, as yet, have not determined the most advantageous way of supplying the water.

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1953**

Article 1. (Schools) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00, or some other sum, to rehabilitate the sewage disposal field at the eastern end of the high school building, or take any action thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer from Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Four thousand (4,000) dollars to rehabilitate the sewage disposal field at the eastern end of the high school building.

Voted: To adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee pertain to the Article considered at the Town Meeting of September 14, 1953.

The Finance Committee recommends acceptance of this article.

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 1953**

Article 1. (Schools) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be expended by the School Committee for employing a competent person or persons for the purpose of drawing plans and specifications and estimating costs for rehabilitating the present Acton High School, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of School Committee.)

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 2. (Schools) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be expended by the School Committee for additional transportation required by the operation of the "two-shift system" in the high school, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of School Committee.)

Voted Unanimously: That the town appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of Three thousand (3 000) dollars to be expended by the School Committee for additional transportation required by the operation of the "two-shift system".

Article 3. (Blanchard Auditorium) To see if the town will vote to transfer the control of the Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium from the Board of Selectmen to the Acton Members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee, who shall be the representatives of the Town of Acton in all matters relating to the operation and maintenance of the premises and shall employ at the expense of the Town all persons employed in such operation and maintenance, and shall in general have charge of the premises on behalf of the Town, including the assignment of dates and hours for use by organizations and activities other than the District, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of Nagog Regional School District Committee.)

Voted: To transfer the control of the Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium from the Board of Selectmen to the Acton Members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee, who shall be the representatives of the Town of Acton in all matters relating to the operation and maintenance of the premises and shall employ at the expense of the Town all persons employed in such operation and maintenance, and shall in general have charge of the premises on behalf of the Town, including the assignment of dates and hours for use by organizations and activities other than the District.

Article 4. (Board of Health) To see if the town will vote to appropriate and either raise or transfer the sum of \$1,400.00 for the Board of Health to meet the expenses of a disease dangerous to the public health, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of Board of Health.)

Voted Unanimously: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Thirteen hundred fifty-two dollars and ten cents (\$1352.10), for an outstanding bill due the Haynes Memorial Hospital, for the Board of Health to meet said expenses.

Article 5. (Planning Board) To see if the town will vote to appropriate and either raise or transfer the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the Planning Board, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars from the Surplus Revenue Account for the use of the Planning Board.

Voted: To adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee pertain to the Articles considered at the Town Meeting of November 2, 1953.

Article 1.

Although the Finance Committee firmly favors advance planning in anticipation of future requirements, it believes that it is premature to expend substantial funds for the purpose of drawing plans and specifications for the future use of the present high school building until such time as the problem of financing new high school facilities has been decided. It, therefore, disapproves of the requested expenditures at the present time.

Article 2.

The Finance Committee favors this article and recommends the transfer of \$3,000. from Surplus Revenue.

Article 3.

The Finance Committee believes the acceptance of this article is a step toward the orderly process of obtaining adequate school facilities.

Article 4.

The Finance Committee recommends the transfer of \$1,400. from the Surplus Revenue for the purpose of paying an outstanding bill due the hospital.

Article 5.

The Planning Board was created at the last annual Town Meeting. At that time, no money was appropriated for its use. The Finance Committee recommends the transfer of \$500. from Surplus Revenue for the use of this board.

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 16, 1953
AT 7:30 P.M.**

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in a southerly direction from Nashoba Road, a distance of approximately 675 feet, now known as Orchard Drive, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in a southerly direction from Nashoba Road, a distance of approximately 675 feet, now known as Orchard Drive.

Tellers appointed by the moderator

Leo C. Cunningham
Ray L. Harris
Medville L. Clark

H. Stuart MacGregor
Ormal S. Laffin
Walter B. Stevens

Hand vote

Yes 145, No 132

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way extending in an easterly direction from Piper Road, a distance of approximately 725 feet, said road to be known as Lilac Court, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in

an easterly direction from Piper Road, a distance of approximately 725 feet, said road to be known as Lilac Court.

Same tellers, hand vote

Yes 140, No 139

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in an easterly and northerly direction from Central Street to Nashoba Road, a distance of approximately 3600 feet, said road to be known as Mohawk Drive, or act anything thereon.

Amendment: To accept a town way laid out by the Selectmen which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way extending in an easterly and northerly direction from Central Street to Seneca Road, a distance of approximately 1200 feet, said road to be known as Mohawk Drive.

Same tellers, hand vote

Yes 174 No 39

Motion: To accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in an easterly and northerly direction from Central Street to Seneca Road, a distance of approximately 1200 feet, said road to be known as Mohawk Drive.

Same tellers, hand vote

Yes 140, No 159

Motion lost.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in an easterly direction from the

way now known as Mohawk Drive, a distance of approximately 570 feet, said road to be known as Seneca Road, or act anything thereon.

Motion: To accept the plan of a town road which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in an easterly direction from the way now known as Mohawk Drive, a distance of approximately 570 feet, said road to be known as Seneca Road.

Motion lost.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in an easterly direction from Arlington Street, a distance of approximately 251 feet, plus an 80 foot circle, said road to be known as Haynes Court, or act anything thereon.

Motion: To accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in an easterly direction from Arlington Street, a distance of approximately 251 feet plus an 80 foot circle, said road to be known as Haynes Court.

Motion lost.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in a southerly direction from Central Street, a distance of approximately 450 feet, said road to be known as Nash Road, or act anything thereon.

Motion: To accept the plan of a town road which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more travelled way, extending in a southerly direction from Central Street, a distance of approximately 300 feet, said road to be known as Nash Road.

Motion lost.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to adopt, amend and adopt or reject the proposed Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Acton as filed in the office of the Town Clerk and printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the residents of Acton, or act anything thereon.

Motion: That the proposed protective Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Acton, dated November 3, 1953, prepared by the Acton Zoning Committee appointed in accordance with the vote of the annual Town Meeting of March 1951, presented to a legally advertised public hearing on Monday, April 13, 1953, approved unanimously after minor amendments, on May 21, 1953 by the Acton Zoning Committee, submitted to the Selectmen, acting as the Town Planning Board on May 25, 1953, filed with the Town Clerk and distributed to the residents of Acton with the warrant calling for this Town Meeting, December 16, 1953, be adopted.

Amendment by W. Lawrence Marshall, Jr.

To amend the Zoning By-Laws dated November 3, 1953, Section II, Paragraph 1 by making the following change on the map and made a part of the report; change from Industrial to Residential the area in North Acton, east of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad tracks from the intersection they make with Main Street or Route 27 northward to the intersection of these tracks with Carlisle Line.

Amendment lost.

Amendment by Richard F. Deane.

That the Zoning By-Laws be amended, lots 1, A and B as described in the following legal description and shown on plan dated October 29, 1953 drawn by Horace F. Tuttle, C.E., be converted from residential to business. Description of Lot 1 and Lot A, shown on a plan of land in Acton owned by George A. Morse, Sr., dated October 29, 1953. Beginning at the Northeasterly corner thereof at Lot B, shown on said plan and Main Street; thence S. $21^{\circ} 44'$ W. 230 feet and S. $41^{\circ} 12'$ W. 77.5 feet to a point of curve; thence turning to the North by a curve of 14.85 feet radius, 30.70 feet to Prospect Street; thence N. $21^{\circ} 48'$ W. along Prospect Street 282 feet to said Lot B; thence N. $88^{\circ} 45'$ E. by Lot B 266.7 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 41758 square feet.

Description of Lot B shown on a plan of Land in Acton owned by George A. Morse, Sr., dated October 29, 1953. Beginning at the Northeasterly corner thereof at land now or formerly of George A. Morse, Sr. shown as Lot 3 on a plan of land owned by Timothy J. Hennessey dated December 15, 1950 and Main Street; thence along Main Street S. $22^{\circ} 04'$ W. 100.37 feet, S. $20^{\circ} 35'$ W. 100 feet and S. $21^{\circ} 44'$ W. 255.8 feet to Lot A shown on a plan dated October 29, 1953; thence S. $88^{\circ} 45'$ W. by Lot A 266.7 feet to Prospect Street; thence N. $21^{\circ} 48'$ W. by said Prospect Street 212.10 feet to a pipe at land of David and Eleanor Tuttle; thence on land of said Tuttlles N. $69^{\circ} 51'$ E. 325 feet, N. $21^{\circ} 21'$ E. 205.41 feet to a corner at Land now or formerly of George A. Morse Sr.; thence S. $66^{\circ} 20'$ E. by said Morse land 150 feet to the point of beginning; containing 2.80 acres.

Amendment carried.

Amendment by Louis A. Flerra

That the following described parcel of land, the property of Louis A. Flerra, presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass. as within a district defined as Residential and Agricultural be redistricted as Business. The

parcel is bounded and described as follows:—From a point of beginning presently known as the Hapgood Crossing; thence running Northwesterly by Central Street 80.40 feet, Northerly and Northeasterly by Elm Street about 750 feet; Southeasterly about 690 feet and Southerly about 175 feet and Southwesterly about 490 feet by land of the Boston and Maine Railroad, to point of beginning.

Amendment carried.

Amendment by Louis A. Flerra.

That the following described parcel of land, the property of Louis A. Flerra, and presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass. as within a district defined as Residential and Agricultural be redistricted as Business. The parcel is bounded and described as follows:—Easterly by Central Street 911.7 feet; thence Northwesterly about 550 feet; thence Southwesterly by land of the Boston and Maine Railroad about 1000 feet to point of beginning.

Amendment carried.

Amendment by Louis A. Flerra.

That the following described parcel of land the property of Louis R. Flerra and presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass. as within a district defined as Residential and Agricultural be redistricted as Industrial. The parcel is bounded and described as follows:—

From a point of beginning by Central Street about 120 feet Southwesterly of the Boston and Maine Railroad Crossing, known as the Hapgood Crossing; thence Westerly along Easterly Bank of Fort Pond Brook; thence following the Easterly Bank of Fort Pond Brook to land of the Boston and Maine Railroad about 1100 feet to Hapgood Crossing; thence Southwesterly to point of beginning.

Amendment carried.

Amendment by James E. Kinsley.

That the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton Map No. 1 filed in the office of the Town Clerk and incorporated by reference in the proposed Protective Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Acton be amended as follows:— By indicating through proper lines or shading as a Business District the land bounded: Northerly by new State Highway known as Route 2; Easterly by Hosmer Street 540 feet; Southerly by land of various owners on a line parallel with the Southerly line of said State Highway; Westerly by Piper Road 540 feet.

Amendment carried, unanimously.

Amendment by Albert R. Jenks.

The following described parcel of land, the property of Albert R. Jenks, and presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass. as within a District defined as Residential be redistricted as Industrial. The parcel is bounded and described as follows:— Bounded on the East by Fort Pond Brook; on the Southwest by the Boston and Maine Railroad and on the Northwest by the Boxboro Town Line.

Amendment lost by a hand vote Yes 103, No 110.

Amendment by Porter Jenks.

Section III Art. 2 Area Regulations be changed from 150 feet or more frontage to 100 feet or more frontage and containing 20,000 square feet or more.

Amendment lost by hand vote Yes 78, No 148

Amendment by Daniel Sweeney.

Section III Art. 2 Area Regulations be changed from 150 feet or more frontage to 125 feet or more frontage and containing 20,000 square feet or more.

Amendment lost.

Amendment by Mrs. Donald Brazee.

Beginning at the most Southeasterly corner of the plot of land marked A on the Zoning Map; thence due East to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad in East Acton; thence Northerly by the said Railroad 1000 feet; thence due West to the lot marked A on said Zoning Map; thence Southeasterly by the said lot A to the point of beginning.

Amendment lost.

Amendment by Porter Jenks.

That Mohawk Drive as laid out on a plan dated December 22, 1952 recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds as Plan No. 16 of 1953 and that Oneida Road, Seneca Road and a continuation of Mohawk Drive as laid out on a plan dated June 16, 1953, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds at the end of Book 8094 be shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass.

Amendment lost.

Amendment by John McLaughlin.

That the area in Acton Center on the Northerly side of Main Street and between Newtown Road and Nagog Hill Road, presently known as Dewey's Market and including the surroundings of the same ownership, shall be zoned for business and not for residential as shown on the Zoning Map.

Amendment lost.

Amendment by Alan Pederson.

That the following described parcel of land, the property of Ingeborg Pederson, and presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass. as within a District

defined as Residential and Agricultural be redistricted as Business. The parcel is bounded and described as follows:—

Being situated about a half a mile northerly of the center village on Newtown Road containing about one and one half acres. Beginning at the Southwesterly corner thereof at said Newtown Road and land of Frank W. Putnam; thence Northerly along Newtown Road to land formerly of Herbert F. Robbins; thence Easterly along Robbins land to land of Frank W. Putnam; thence Southerly on said Putnam land to the said Newtown Road and the point of beginning.

Amendment carried.

Amendment by Edward H. Howard.

That the following described parcels of land, the properties of Margaret C. Bogart, Harold Prentiss, Edward H. Howard and Russell A. Fitz, presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass. as within a District defined as Industrial be redistricted as Residential and Agricultural.

Parcel 1 is bounded and described as follows:— Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the parcel at land formerly of the City of Cambridge and Parker Street; thence Southeasterly 447.48 feet by land formerly of the City of Cambridge; thence Southeasterly by land of Frank Simeone 171.63 feet to Concord Street; thence Southwesterly by said Concord Street 699.55 feet; thence Northwesterly by Parker Street 527.31 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2 is bounded and described as follows:— Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the parcel at High Street; thence Northwesterly by said High Street 453.75 feet to Concord Street; thence Easterly by Concord Street 1915.75 feet; thence Southwesterly by land of Frank Simeone 214.5 feet; thence Southerly by land of Frank Simeone 188.75 feet thence Southerly by land formerly of the American Powder Mills to a corner; thence Westerly by land of Neely 1611.5 feet; thence Northerly by land of Berglund

221.5 feet; thence Westerly by land of Berglund 152.5 feet to said High Street and the point of beginning.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Motion; to vote by ballot on zoning

Hand vote

Yes 84 No 155

Motion lost.

Voted on the original motion as amended

Hand vote

Yes 133, No 122

Voted to adjourn at 11:54 p.m.

Total number of voters checked 348.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and either raise or transfer a sum of money for the Acton Members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee and authorize them to appoint one of their members as agent to familiarize the members with the arrangement and construction of the Blanchard Auditorium as may pertain to the future operation and maintenance thereof and fix the compensation of said Agent, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of the Acton members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee.)

No Action taken.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (\$2,000) two thousand dollars or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health, for a Board of Health Office to be maintained at 193 Central Street, West Acton, with a full time clerk or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of the Board of Health.)

No Action taken.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the collection of garbage

under new State Health Department Regulation requiring the cooking of garbage, or removing collected garbage from the Town of Acton for disposal, to be effective January 1, 1954, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of the Board of Health.)

No Action taken.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$615.00 from the State Sanitorium appropriation account to the following accounts of the Board of Health.

Medical supplies	25.00
Town Nurse, Salary	15.00
Garbage Collection	50.00
Board of Health, Expenses	375.00
Inspector, Milk and Food, Salary,	65.00
Inspector, Milk and Food, Expenses	85.00
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\$615.00	

or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of the Board of Health.)

No Action taken.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25.00 from the Expense Account of the Board of Elections and Registrations to the Salaries Account, or act anything thereon.

No Action taken.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee pertain to the Articles considered at the Town Meeting of December 16, 1953.

Articles 1 thru 6.

Inasmuch as there is no present provision for the cost of finishing these streets being assessed against the owners, the Finance Committee does not favor the acceptance of these articles unless the abutting owners assume their proportionate share of the entire cost, including surfacing, of laying out the roadway in accordance with the requirements of Articles 11 and 12 of the town by-laws.

Article 7.

The Finance Committee favors the immediate adoption of suitable zoning by-laws in the interest of orderly future development of the town.

Article 8.

In view of the delay of the construction of the Blanchard Auditorium, it is not expected that these services will be required during the first two or three months of 1954. Therefore, the Finance Committee considers it unnecessary to appropriate any money under the article at the present time.

Article 9.

The Finance Committee has not had sufficient time to make a favorable recommendation on this article. The committee believes this subject should be considered at the annual town meeting in March.

Article 10.

The Finance Committee favors this article.

Article 11.

The Finance Committee favors this article.

TOWN ELECTION, MARCH 2, 1953

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Whole number of ballots cast .	394	450	448	1292

MODERATOR, one year

Albert P. Durkee.....	209	253	219	681
Craig E. Lundberg	178	181	221	580
Blanks	7	16	8	31

TOWN CLERK, one year

Harlan E. Tuttle	374	424	421	1219
Blanks	20	26	27	73

SELECTMAN, three years

William L. Chipman	120	143	114	377
Robert S. F. Rhodes	85	138	137	360
Lawrence Donnelly	172	145	160	477
Blanks	17	24	37	78

ASSESSOR, three years

Albert P. Durkee	350	377	391	1118
Blanks	44	73	57	174

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, three years

Walter B. Stevens	348	388	405	1141
Blanks	46	62	43	151

TREASURER, one year

William Henry Soar	365	404	408	1177
Blanks	29	46	40	115

COLLECTOR OF TAXES, one year

Ethel A. Davis	121	128	182	431
Rose Davis	43	139	46	228
Charles M. MacRae	152	161	211	524
Ella Perrault	73	15	7	95
Blanks	5	7	2	14

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, three years

Mary E. Crighton	172	155	165	492
Leo C. Cunningham	229	312	312	853
Thomas E. Wetherbee	272	306	273	851
Blanks	115	127	146	388

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, two years

Frederick W. Abbt	280	237	211	728
Stella M. French	79	155	211	445
Blanks	35	58	26	119

CONSTABLES, one year

Edward J. Collins	343	384	405	1132
Michael Foley	338	390	399	1127
T. Frederick S. Kennedy	342	367	401	1110
Ivar Peterson	358	365	395	1118
Scattered	0	1	1	2
Blanks	195	293	191	679

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, three years

Harry E. Holt	358	396	413	1167
Blanks	36	54	35	125

BOARD OF HEALTH, three years

Herbert L. Leusher	361	389	390	1140
Blanks	33	61	58	152

TRUSTEE OF MEMORIAL LIBRARY, three years

Vesta B. Thompson	358	381	410	1149
Blanks	36	69	38	143

TREE WARDEN, one year

Franklin H. Charter	355	390	411	1156
Blanks	39	60	37	136

QUESTION

“Shall the town accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a regional school district, together with the town of Littleton, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional school by said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the selectmen?” [Yes] [No]

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Yes	229	177	223	629
No	137	226	195	558
Blanks	28	47	30	105

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Acton, we hereby submit reports of the several departments under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

During the year 1953, we held 52 regular meetings and 9 special meetings.

Warrants with articles were prepared during the year for one annual town meeting and seven special town meetings.

Numerous meetings were held with the Department of Public Works, Department of Public Safety, Division of Accounts and County Commissioners regarding matters of interest to the Town.

During the year, the exterior of the West Acton Fire Station and the interior of the South Acton Fire Station were painted.

We are placing articles in the Town Warrant for the purchase of an additional cruiser for the Police Department; radios for the Fire Department; pump for the Forest Fire truck; tractor-loader for the Highway Department; and heating system for the South Acton Fire Station. We are also including in the Police Department budget sufficient money to include two additional regular patrolmen. We are recommending this due to additional work and to take care of the numerous complaints which the present force is not able to take care of. We are also recommending the purchase of the several pieces of equipment mentioned above to increase the efficiency of the several departments.

The matter of the agreement between the Town and the Nagog Regional School District concerning the use of the Blanchard Auditorium by the District gave rise to some misunderstanding on the part of the citizens of Acton.

On May 25th, a special town meeting authorized and directed the Selectmen to lease or license the building to the District. Shortly thereafter the District submitted to the Board a lease by the terms of which the District, to all intents and purposes, would have become the owner of the building and grounds, leaving the Town in the position of a stranger to the building which had been primarily intended for the civic benefit of Acton citizens, with special emphasis upon the Acton school children. The Blanchards' generous gift had been made upon those terms and the Town had accepted that gift and had made substantial additional appropriations with those conditions in mind. When this draft lease was submitted, Acton was committed to build a structure which would cost at the very least \$300,000. By the terms of the proposal, which was suggested to run for 99 years at \$1.00 per year, the Town was asked to give away this memorial to one of the substantial families of the town for a period far beyond the life expectancy of most living men.

This proposal did not appeal to your Board as something desirable for those persons who are presently living or for those to come after. The Board was also advised that the Town could not legally divest itself of this public building. A counter proposal, wherein the Town offered to permit the District to use the building during all necessary school hours but reserving the ownership and control to the Town, was then submitted to the District. Some considerable time elapsed during which the District could not bring itself to accept these terms. Finally the District insisted that it could not accept this proposal until the Town had voted to place the control of this building in a committee composed of the Acton members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee. This provision, so far as the Selectmen were concerned, had from the start been satisfactory. When a special Acton Town Meeting authorized the control be removed from the hands of the Board of Selectmen and be vested in its special committee, the contract was signed and is now in effect.

On the completion of twelve, eleven and ten years of consecutive service, the Board of Selectmen has enjoyed the prompt and active co-operation of the various Town Officials, Boards, Committees and Departments and we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all of them. The Citizens, as well, have been most co-operative in our relations with them and we extend to them our sincere appreciation for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. LEE

GEORGE S. BRAMAN

LAWRENCE DONNELLY

Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

Arthur W. Lee	Term Expires 1954
George S. Braman	Term Expires 1955
Lawrence Donnelly	Term Expires 1956

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

James W. Baker	Term Expires 1954
Carl C. Flint	Term Expires 1955
Albert P. Durkee	Term Expires 1956

Collector of Taxes

Charles M. MacRae

Tree Warden

Franklin H. Charter

Board of Public Welfare

Lossie E. Laird	Term Expires 1954
A. Perry Marble	Term Expires 1955
Walter B. Stevens	Term Expires 1956

Constables

T. Frederick S. Kennedy
Ivar Peterson

Michael Foley
Edward J. Collins

Cemetery Commissioners

Ray L. Harris	.....Term Expires 1954
Howard F. Jones	.....Term Expires 1955
Harry E. Holt	.....Term Expires 1956

School Committee

*Gertrude P. Tuttle	.....Term Expires 1954
Dana B. Hinckley	.....Term Expires 1954
Frederick W. Abbt	.....Term Expires 1955
Leonard A. Godfrey, Jr.	.....Term Expires 1955
Thomas E. Wetherbee	.....Term Expires 1956
Leo C. Cunningham	.....Term Expires 1956

**Edmond J. McNiff
*Resigned **Elected to replace

Trustees of Memorial Library

Florence A. Merriam	.....Term Expires 1954
Frederick T. Heyliger	.....Term Expires 1955
Vesta B. Thompson	.....Term Expires 1956

Board of Health

Martin J. Duggan	.....Term Expires 1954
O. Lawrence Clark	.....Term Expires 1955
Herbert L. Leusher	.....Term Expires 1956

Agent of Board of Health

Edward J. Higgins

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Thelma M. Blood	Term Expires 1954
Helen B. Wood	Term Expires 1955
Clara L. Sawyer	Term Expires 1956

Trustees of West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

H. Stuart MacGregor	.....Term Expires	1954
James B. Wilson	.....Term Expires	1955
Arno H. Perkins	.....Term Expires	1956

Trustees of Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Clarence Frost	.....Term Expires 1954
Herbert W. Merriam	.....Term Expires 1955
Frederick T. Kennedy	.....Term Expires 1956

Trustees of Goodnow Fund

Roy H. Linscott	Term Expires 1954
Horace F. Tuttle	Term Expires 1955
Frank E. Greenough	Term Expires 1956

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTMEN—1953

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milbery

Office: Town Hall **Hours:** 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Meetings: Board of Selectmen, Tuesday evenings at 7:30

Board of Public Welfare

First and third Mondays at 1:00 P.M.

Finance Committee

Robert F. Charles	Aubrey C. Kretschmar
Bradford S. Leach	Norman McIntosh
Herbert W. Merriam	John M. Whittier

Superintendent of Streets

Russell C. Berry

Town Accountant

Donald O. NylanderTerm Expires 1956

Registrars of Voters

Grace J. CullinaneTerm Expires 1954

Julia A. BarryTerm Expires 1955

James B. WilsonTerm Expires 1956

Harlan E. TuttleEx-Officio

Election Officers

Precinct I

Warden—Irene F. McLaughlin

Clerk—Paul C. Cornwall

Inspector—Marion C. Jewell

Inspector—Paul A. Coughlin

Deputy Warden—Mary F. McCarthy

Deputy Clerk—Helen R. Edwards

Deputy Inspector—Edith M. Hollowell

Deputy Inspector—Leo T. McCarthy

Teller—Inga Frost

Teller—Katherine M. Condon

Precinct II

Warden—Doris Soar

Clerk—Gladys M. Connolly

Inspector—Marian L. Piper

Inspector—Sophia Walsh

Deputy Warden—Margaret Larsen

Deputy Clerk—Bertha Carr Tucker

Deputy Inspector—Hazel P. Vose

Deputy Inspector—Marie S. Whouley

Teller—Martha I. Lowden

Teller—Mabel S. McKelvie

Precinct III

Warden—Marion C. Reed
Clerk—Phyllis K. Sprague
Inspector—Barbara J. McPhee
Inspector—Martin J. Duggan
Deputy Warden—Harry E. Holt
Deputy Clerk—Annie E. McCarthy
Deputy Inspector—Barbara Nylander
Deputy Inspector—Genevieve L. Hatch
Teller—Minnie C. Veasie
Teller—Mary H. Prentice

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer
Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer — Precinct I
Lloyd W. Priest, Asst. Engineer — Precinct II
Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer — Precinct III

Inspector of Animals

Arno H. Perkins

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser

Sealer of Weights and Measures

A. Perry Marble

Town Forest Committee

Franklin H. Charter	Term Expires 1954
Arno H. Perkins	Term Expires 1955
Emery D. Nelson	Term Expires 1956

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Oliver D. Wood	E. John Torkelsen
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Fence Viewers

Robert G. Willett	Louis F. Leveroni
Foster R. MacKinnon	

Field Drivers

Arno H. Perkins

George Kemp

Superintendent of Moth Work

Franklin H. Charter

Inspector of Wires

Byrd D. Goss

Police Officers

*Michael Foley, Chief

Edward J. Collins, Jr.

Benjamin F. Rice

Chauncey R. Fenton, Jr.

Roy H. Linscott

Viola M. Foley

Ray L. Harris

Benjamin H. Sawyer

Edward J. Higgins

Warren F. Birch

Carl W. Flint

Louis F. Leveroni

*Civil Service—Permanent

Burial Agent

Edward J. Higgins

Veterans' Agent

Edward J. Higgins

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

Frederic W. Rimbach

Superintendent of Goward Field

Frederic W. Rimbach

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Theron A. Lowden

Director of Veterans' Services

Theron A. Lowden

Public Weighers

William Braman

Albert R. Jenks

G. Howard Reed

Porter G. Jenks

A. W. Davis

Louise Garceau

Philip Newell

Ruth Durkin

Thomas Hearon

Otis J. Reed

Carl W. Flint

Fire Alarm Operator

Frederic W. Rimbach

Town Counsel

Albert W. Wunderly

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my twenty-seventh annual report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1953. Said report includes all arrests made within the town during the past year.

Arrests and prosecutions for the following offenses:

Drunkenness	17
Operating under influence	10
Operating to endanger	25
School Bus law violations	13
School Bus failing to stop at R.R. Crossing ...	1
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	7
Operating an uninsured motor vehicle	6
Speeding	168
Red light violations	6
Failing to keep to right of road	4
Stop Sign violations	11
Operating a motor vehicle without a license ..	12
Operating without license in possession	1
Operating a motor vehicle after suspension of license	4
Operating uninspected motor vehicles	4
Attaching plates	1
No rear light	1
Passing on wrong side	1
Defective brakes	1
Going away after causing damage to property .	1
Allowing an improper person to operate a motor vehicle	1
Making unsafe turn with motor vehicle	1
Operating a motor vehicle without lights	1
Giving a false name	1
Refusing to stop for a police officer	1
Failing to stop at R.R. Crossing (infl. truck) .	1
Non support	2

Assault and battery	9
Larceny	1
Fraud. check	1
Indecent exposure	3
Malicious injury to property	2
False fire alarms	1
F & G Laws violations	2
Runaways	2
Vagrancy	1
Escaped prisoners apprehended and turned over to Mass. Ref.	1
Escapees from Shirley Industrial School apprehended	2

In addition to the above there were also thirteen juvenile cases before the court.

Miscellaneous:

Motorists booked and warned for violations .	704
Cars checked by patrol	267
Summonses served	150
Doors found unlocked by patrol	70
Telephone calls made and received	1920
Complaints received and investigated	410
Property checked at request of owner	99
Cars tagged for all night parking (warnings) .	26
Cruiser ambulance trips to Emerson Hospital .	24
Cruiser ambulance to Eye and Ear Infirmary .	2
Committed to State Hospitals	2

Motor Vehicle accident report:

	1952	1953
Total number accidents reported	56	60
Number of occupants injured	39	47
Pedestrians injured	0	2
Bicyclists injured	3	1
Tricyclists injured	0	1
Fatal accidents	0	1

Our accident record was marred this year by a fatal accident on December 17th. This was the first fatal accident in this town since November 25, 1950.

Recommendations:

Additional Patrolmen:

With the rapid growth of our town and the large increase in the number of motor vehicles registered, it must be clear to the average citizen that there is dire need for more police protection. There are at the present time two regular patrolmen and the Chief. The Chief is on duty 60 hours per week and the patrolmen 54 hours. There are 20 $\frac{1}{3}$ square miles in the town to be policed and about 75 miles of roads to be patrolled. With the population now over 4000 and steadily soaring it figures much less than one officer per each 1000 persons.

The duties of the Chief are varied. In addition to records that must be kept, correspondence taken care of, accident reports checked, advising those who have problems and listening to complaints, the Chief also has investigations to make and is prosecuting Officer for the town on all cases brought into court for trial by this Department. Cases brought to court for trial must be prepared and with these varied duties much time must be spent in the office.

When the Chief, who is on duty alone during the day, has to go to court for summonses, warrants, or on trials, or to the hospital, or out of town on investigations, there is no officer on duty or cruiser available in an emergency. Knowing these facts, there remains no question as to the need of additional patrolmen.

If but one officer is added it will be necessary to fill in on days off and for vacations with a part time officer, but if two full time patrolmen are added the cost of the part time officer for four days a week plus time for vacations could be eliminated and the patrolmen could be rotated to fill in on days off and on vacations. The difference then in the cost to the town for a part time officer and a second full time patrolman would be only about \$800.00. The latter plan would seem to me to be most practical. Therefore, I recommend that two additional patrolmen be added to the Department this year.

Cruiser :

It has been the policy of the town to trade the cruiser for a new car each year. However, I recommend that this year we keep the present cruiser and purchase another cruiser for the Department. I also recommend that our project of installing Speed Zone Signs be discontinued for this year and that the \$1000.00 which would have been spent for these signs be used toward the purchase price of a cruiser. We should then plan to trade one car each year.

Under the present plans for the reorganization of our District Court System the Concord Court, where our cases are now heard, is to be discontinued and we will have to travel either to Ayer or Waltham. If it should happen to be Ayer it will mean a trip to the Concord Lockup in cases of arrests and the transporting of the prisoner back through Acton to the court. This, of course, will mean that your police will be out of town a longer period of time when attending court.

Bicycle Registrations :

As the town grows so does the hazard caused by children riding on bicycles. Many parents allow their children to ride after dark on unlighted bicycles. I recommend that if additional personnel is added to the Department that \$75.00 be included in the budget for the cost of registering all bicycles in the town. The cost of registration is 25c which is paid to the town. The registration of bicycles will compel the owners to have them equipped with light and reflectors.

In closing, I wish to thank all the officers of this department who co-operated with me in carrying out the duties of the Police Department during the past year. I also wish to express my thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their co-operation and to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rimbach for their assistance in relaying calls to us, and to the personnel of the Concord Police Department for their co-operation and radio service. To all others who in any way assisted us, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted

MICHAEL FOLEY, .
Chief of Police



ACTON FIRE ALARM DIRECTORY

WEST

- 31 Mass. Avenue at Boxboro Line
 - 32 Mass. Avenue at Wright Terrace
 - 33 Edwards Square
 - 34 Mass. Avenue at Fire Station
 - 35 Mass. Avenue at School Street
 - 36 Mass. Avenue at West School
 - 37 Mass. Avenue at Cedar Terrace
 - 38 Mass. Avenue at Prospect Street
 - 39 Mass. Avenue at High School
 - 311 Richardson's Crossing
 - 312 Central Street at Windsor Avenue
 - 313 Central Street at Summer Street
 - 314 Central Street at Willow Street
 - 315 Central Street at Church Street
 - 316 Central Street at Jenks Storage
 - 317 Central Street at Mohawk Drive
 - 318 Central Street at Orchard Drive
 - 319 Central Street at Nashoba Road
 - 321 Arlington Street at Summer Street
 - 322 Arlington Street at Homestead Street
 - 323 Arlington Street at Crescent Street
 - 324 Arlington Street at Reed's Mill
 - 325 Arlington Street at School Street
 - 326 Arlington Street at Elm Street
 - 327 Arlington Street at Charter Road
 - 341 Willow Street at Homestead Street
 - 342 Willow Street at Summer Street
 - 343 Willow Street at Stow Line
 - 344 Summer Street at Boxboro Line
 - 345 Kinsley Road
 - 346 School Street
 - 347 Nashoba Road
 - 348 Central Street, Down Route #2
 - 351 Charter Road at Blanchard Auditorium
 - 352 Charter Road at Hayward Road
 - 354 Hayward Road
 - 356 Rex Corporation
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3-3-3 Out of Town and Emergency Call

61 Boxboro

4-4 All Firemen to Stations

2-2-2-2 7 A.M. No School All Grades All Day

1-1-1-1 7:15 A.M. No school, grades one to eight, all day.

1-1-1-1 11:30 A.M. No school Senior High, grades 9-12

10-10-10-10 Air Raid



REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my 20th annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Total number of alarms responded to are as follows:

Residential	16
Non-Residential	2
Mercantile	3
Manufacturing	5
Miscellaneous	4
Grass & Brush	82
Automobile	7
False Alarms	3
Emergency	12
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Loss to building and contents\$80,760.00

Collected for Oil, Gas, Blasting Permits\$ 92.00

This is a good time to once again bring before the public the importance of having an oil burner and storage permit. If one were to read over their insurance policy carefully they would see the necessity of this.

The party installing oil burning equipment are required by law to obtain this permit, however in many cases this is not being done, and it would be to everyones advantage to check and see if they have their permit.

Last year fire alarm extension was completed, also ten boxes were installed and working. This year we are asking for another small extension and for ten more boxes to be installed on existing circuits.

The two radios were installed last year and certainly have proved their value. This year we would like two more,

thereby completing the radio program. Radio is a very important asset to the operation of the Fire Department.

The heating system at the South Acton Station is in a very dangerous condition as it consists of a one pipe hot air furnace that is located in the cellar with the register extending through the front floor of apparatus room. If one of the trucks should leak gasoline it would run into the heater and the result would be disastrous.

The boiler room at the West Acton Station should be fire-proofed thereby eliminating a fire hazard.

The Department equipment is in good condition, but as the trucks have either reached 20 years of age or will in the near future we should make plans to replace them as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MACGREGOR,
Chief, Acton Fire Dept.

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Forest Warden submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Total number of grass and brush fire calls answered by the fire department were 82 an increase of 20 over the previous year, however all these fires were small, so that there was very little if any damage to our forests.

At this time I would like to call to the attention of the public that a permit is necessary at any time of the year to have a fire in the open, for your convenience you may receive this permit by telephone at no cost.

I would like to recommend the purchase of a new pump for the forest fire truck, as this pump is used excessively and is a small inexpensive type. Its life is comparatively short. If we had a spare it could be quickly installed thereby the truck would be out of commission a short time.

The rest of the equipment is in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MACGREGOR,

Forest Warden

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit my report as Inspector of Wires for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Two hundred sixty-two permits (262) were issued. Three hundred thirteen dollars seventy five cents (\$313.75) collected for the above permits.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. GOSS,
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Town Forest Committee submits the following report for the year 1953.

The sum of \$100.00 was appropriated for work in the Town Forest. The boundary lines of the Texas Lot were surveyed and iron pipes were driven in to mark all corners. Several wood roads were trimmed out to enable the Fire Department access to all parts of the Forest.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER

EMERY NELSON

ARNO H. PERKINS

Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1953.

The purchase of the new Mist Blower has greatly facilitated the work of the Moth Department. All Elm Trees on town ways and on adjacent private property were given a dormant spray for control of the Elm Bark Beetle, carrier of the Dutch Elm Disease. Two foliage sprays were later given for control of the leaf eating pests.

One spray was applied for the control of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.

There were 32 cases of Dutch Elm Disease in Acton in 1953. All 32 trees have been removed. All the towns that border Acton now have the Dutch Elm Disease within their bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1953.

In the past year, I have sealed 282 weighing and measuring devices. There are at the present time 36 gas pumps, 11 Vehicle Gas and Oil Trucks, 75 sets of Scales, the rest being weights and small measures.

Sealing fees collected \$148.10. The same was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PERRY MARBLE,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Keeping and destroying 38 Stray Dogs	\$247.00
Expenses	203.00
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	\$450.00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR FRASER,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1953.

Barns inspected	54
Cows	222
Young Cattle	113
Bulls	4
Steers	15
Swine	32
Sheep	22
Goats	26
Horses	24
Donkeys	4
Dog Bites	11
Dogs Quarantined	11
Rabies	0
Miles traveled on inspection work	323

Respectfully submitted,

ARNO H. PERKINS,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year ending December 31, 1953, one accident was reported to me. This required medical attention and was not of a serious nature.

THERON A. LOWDEN
Compensation Agent

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The major project of the Highway Department for 1953 was our Chapter 90 Construction. This piece of work was the rebuilding of Main Street from Route 111 to Route 2. Here the street was straightened and widened, requiring the removal of trees and ledge with curves banked for safety. Guard rail was erected through the cut. This construction has eased what has been a hazard on this much travelled way.

The north side of the overpass at Route 2 presents the next bottle neck and it is recommended that this section be made the project for 1954.

During the winter months our principal work is snow and ice removal.

The summer work consists of general maintenance, namely, cleaning, scraping, patching, drainage, and cutting brush. The regular program of surface treatment consumes much of the time during the warm months.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL C. BERRY,
Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Your committee on Fence Viewing for the Town of Acton reports no activity in partition fences for the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS F. LEVERONI
F. R. MACKINNON
ROBERT G. WILLETT

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR 1953

At the last annual town meeting, the town voted to create a Planning Board. It also authorized the Board of Selectmen to act in such until a board was elected by the town. During the year, this board has had thirteen meetings. It has approved thirteen real estate development layouts.

A public hearing was held on Monday, April 13, relative to the Proposed Protective Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Acton.

On November 2, the town appropriated the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the Planning Board.

A suitable article was inserted in the warrant for the special town meeting held December 16, 1953 for the acceptance of the proposed By-Laws.

The necessary changes have been made to the Zoning Map as voted by the town at the above mentioned special town meeting.

ARTHUR W. LEE

LAWRENCE DONNELLY

GEORGE S. BRAMAN

Planning Board

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Please notify the Town Clerk immediately of any error or omission in the following List of Births.

Errors not reported at once can be corrected only by sworn affidavit, as prescribed by the General Laws, and may cause you inconvenience which can be avoided by prompt attention.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1933

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Jan. 3	Boothbay Harbor, Me	Reid, Richard Dennett, II	Richard D. and Mildred I. Sherman
Jan. 9	Waltham	Peterson, Doreen	Robert N. and Kathryn L. MacDougall
Jan. 11	Concord	Cullinane, Elaine Charlene	Cornelius C. Jr. and Margaret M. Gallagher
Jan. 13	Concord	Johnson, Roger Arthur	Robert A. and Anna M. Andreassen
Jan. 16	Concord	Piper, Charlotte Elizabeth	Elliott R. Jr. and Muriel M. Stone
Jan. 20	Concord	Watkins, Sandra Margaret	Rex and Florence E. Larrabee
Jan. 24	Waltham	Mienke, Robert Walter	Richard H. and Janice R. Teele
Jan. 27	Concord	Kangas, Richard John	Veil R. and Irene S. Dargiewicz
Feb. 2	Ayer	Townsend, Richard Carl	Carl W. and Edith L. McKinney
Feb. 10	Concord	Smith, Richard Mark	Leslie M. and Mildred L. Bourguignon
Feb. 13	Concord	O'Clair, Walter	Ernest F. and Hazel Jenks
Feb. 16	Concord	Mickolsz, William Burke	Walter W. and Margaret F. Leveroni
Feb. 21	Concord	Jackson, Albert Harrison	Albert and Mildred E. Ware
Mar. 2	Concord	Illsley, Thomas Ralph	Melbourne L. and Jeanne E. Higgins
Mar. 4	Concord	Hollis, Joanne	Gerald F. and Eleanor F. Holmes
Mar. 14	Concord	Boardman, Caroline Kristin	Donnell W. and Elizabeth F. Hazelton
Mar. 15	Concord	Imbimbo, Steven Mark	Mark A. and Marjorie Larsen
Mar. 22	Concord	Grancey, Sharon Anne	William J. and Nancy J. Evans

Mar. 23	Concord	Beach, Donna Jean	Charles A. and Norma J. Thompson
Mar. 25	Concord	Priest, Rose Linda	Clarence I. Jr. and Frances C. Bretemps
Mar. 28	Concord	Bogart, Karen Jean	Jackson H. Jr. and Christine E. Murphy
Mar. 28	Boston	Boyden, Elinor Gayle	Edward S. and Pauline White
Mar. 30	Concord	Laffin, Linda Ruby	Wilmer E. and Marjorie E. Fuller
April 1	Concord	Berlied, Christopher Nels	Irving O. and Frances G. Shymonowicz
April 1	Concord	Grekula, Norman Arthur	Teuvo A. and Mabel A. Leusher
April 6	Concord	Erikson, Diane Carol	Henry J. and Mildred L. Haskell
April 9	Concord	Haigh, Richard Norris	Robert A. and Mary Bond
April 13	Concord	Dickinson, Diane Elaine	Eben A. and Mabel B. Charter
April 20	Concord	Nedza, Philip Conrad	Stanley A. and Katherine F. Hayes
April 23	Concord	Thompson, Carol Jeanette	Donald R. and Dorothea A. Hamlin
April 24	Concord	Pyrro, Randall Howard	William R. and Helen E. Christofferson
May 2	Concord	Nelson, Stephen Robert	Robert G. and Dorothy M. McLean
May 4	Concord	Beaudoin, Rene Alfred, Jr.	Rene A. and Patricia Mullen
May 7	Concord	Flannery, Edward Roger	Leonard R. and Lillian M. Shaw
May 11	Concord	Fitzsimmons, Susan	Ervin E. and June S. Bartlett
May 11	Waltham	Flerra, Randall Francis	Louis F. and Gaye P. Clarke
May 18	Concord	Mills, Jared Barbour	Ronald E. and Louise DeR. Pratt
June 2	Boston	Fowler, Lisbeth Ward	John P. Jr. and Miriam Ward
June 3	Boston	Searle, Thomas Charles, Jr.	Thomas C. and Mary Kirklen
June 15	Concord	Peterson, Wendy Jane	Zalph K. and Doris E. Hartwell
June 20	Concord	Kangas, Laura Lee	Waino J. and Vally C. Stefanowicz

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1953

June 25	Concord	Hagan, Elizabeth Ann	Thomas J. and Emily R. Watkins
June 28	Ayer	Hollowell, James Andrew	Harry M. and Jean B. Sullivan
July 8	Concord	Higgins, Richard Scott	Richard and Eleanor F. Smith
July 14	Concord	Kendall, William Lawrence	William S. Jr. and Joan F. Tucker
July 15	Concord	Quin, James	Thomas J. Jr. and Wilda Marsolais
July 17	Waltham	Moore, Rita Anne	Robert A. and Ruth A. Kierce
July 20	Concord	Wilson, Cheryl Ann	Grafus C. and Marian Baker
July 22	Concord	Anderson, Christian Robert Hans	Robert B. and Alfa J. Goldthwaite
July 25	Concord	Murphy, Michael Edward	Edward L. and Patricia M. Frizzle
July 31	Cambridge	Klauer, Joanne Elise	Alwin A. and Elsie M. Marshman
Aug. 1	Concord	Davidson, Donald Wendell, Jr.	Donald W. and Elizabeth P. Condon
Aug. 1	Concord	Galluzzo, Marie	Calogero and Jean Marella
Aug. 3	Lowell	Baker, Ruth Anne	Duane C. and Doris M. Hankinson
Aug. 10	Concord	Walker, Charles Barry	Walter G. and Helen P. Barry
Aug. 11	Concord	Driscoll, Patricia Evelyn	John E. and Margaret J. Kelley
Aug. 12	Concord	Locke, Debra Jeanne	George H. Jr. and Marjorie B. Pingree
Aug. 12	Concord	Tuomanen, Robert William	Reino A. and Ellen Gullbrandsen
Aug. 14	Concord	Zimmer, Pamela Joyce	Paul K. and Mary E. Cummings
Aug. 17	Concord	Fairbanks, Pamela Jeanne	James M. and Elizabeth Merriam
Aug. 17	Concord	Jackson, Debra Lorene	David A. and Sybil C. Higgins
Aug. 18	Concord	Herrick, Pamela Jean	Ralph W. Jr. and Gladys R. Novivici
Aug. 18	Concord	Rafferty, Sarah Louise	Robert G. and Charlotte L. Nelson

Aug. 25	Waltham	Jones, Welford Craig	'Tommie S. and Mary F. Davis
Aug. 25	Concord	Reynolds, Wendy	Raymond A. and Ruth J. Durkin
Aug. 27	Concord	Purrier, Cynthia Anne	John R. and Elizabeth A. Harper
Aug. 29	Concord	Andersen, David Allen	Walter A. and Ruth A. Hoyssen
Aug. 28	Concord	Johnson, Arthur Stevens	Roland W. and Joan S. Kennedy
Sept. 2	Concord	Johnson, Paul Stanley	Stanley B. and Barbara A. Martell
Sept. 3	Concord	Lord, Daniel Joseph	Stephen E. and Mary Poppleton
Sept. 6	Concord	Mulvey, Sheila Joyce	John S. and Barbara L. North
Sept. 12	Concord	Moore, Deborah	John F. and Joan E. Sanders
Sept. 14	Concord	Granberg, Linda	Alfred O. and Phyllis Stuart
Sept. 23	Arlington	Young, Cynthia Joan	Alfred W. Jr. and Mary A. Lowe
Sept. 24	Concord	Hancock, Barbara Jo	Francis M. Jr. and Betty Ann Roe
Sept. 24	Concord	Jordan, J. Jeffrey	Edgar H. and Gloria P. Ventura
Oct. 1	Concord	Tornell, Steven Bengt	Bengt H. and Ruth M. Anderson
Oct. 6	Concord	Hermes, Jeffrey Erwin	Alfred R. and Thelma G. Cochrane
Oct. 14	Boston	Lanoue, Debra Ann	Joseph E. and Marceline West
Oct. 19	Concord	Hitchcock, Sandra May	William E. and June P. Clark
Oct. 25	Concord	Collins, Lawrence Carrol	Craig R. and Muriel F. Schofield
Oct. 26	Concord	Prentiss, Dianne Virginia	Harold O. and Dorothy V. Rahberg
Oct. 31	Boston	Lindstrom, Richard Wood	Richard D. and Eloise F. Wood
Nov. 3	Concord	Parks, Irene Frances	Arthur F. and Barbara T. Kierce
Nov. 9	Concord	Random, Lorene Ann	George A. Jr. and Phyllis L. Milligan
Nov. 16	Concord	Fuller, Bruce Elliott	Alton L. and Mildred L. Wright

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1953

Nov. 20	Arlington	Tolman, Stephen Harrington	Wilbur J. and Elizabeth A. Harrington
Nov. 23	Concord	Fenton, Dennis John	Chauncey R. Jr. and Dorothy M. Hoffman
Dec. 5	Concord	Dexter, Frederick Charles	Charles R. and Charlotte L. Giles
Dec. 6	Concord	Beaudoin, Thomas Linwood	Alcide and Constance M. Tucker

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1953

Date	Place	Name	Residence
Jan. 25	Concord	Flerra, Louis F. Clarke, Gaye	W. Acton W. Acton
Feb. 15	W. Acton	Iannarelli, Pasquale P. Chisholm, Barbara	Maynard W. Acton
Mar. 15	Acton	Priest, Robert Raymond Anderson, Phyllis Jean	Boxboro Acton
April 5	W. Acton	Campbell, Paul Robert Dagenais, Marie Joann	Newton Acton

April 12	Maynard	Schofield, Robert S. Napolitano, Carmella M.	S. Acton Maynard
April 12	W. Acton	Farrell, Richard Naylor Davis, Barbara Alden	W. Acton W. Acton
April 19	Boston	Smoltees, Peter M. Rennie, Mary V.	S. Acton Framingham
May 9	Littleton	Deane, Richard M. Hunt, Priscilla L.	S. Acton Littleton
May 10	W. Acton	Porrizzo, Armando Russell, Lorraine	Maynard W. Acton
May 10	W. Acton	Blodgett, William A. Sweeney, Maureen F.	Groton W. Acton
May 10	S. Acton	Schult, Ralph Carl Stow, Betty Louise	BillERICA Maynard
May 23	S. Acton	Fosgate, Fred C. Reed, Elizabeth	Hudson Hartford, Conn.
June 3	Acton	Colson, Charles Wendell Billings, Nancy	Marblehead Acton
June 7	Concord	Foskett, Wallace E. Smart, Eva May	Somerville Acton

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1953

June 13	Acton	Rice, Edwin T. III Tuttle, Pauline G.	W. Hartford, Conn. Acton
June 14	S. Acton	Hebrank, Robert E. Davis, Dorothy J.	Baltimore, Maryland S. Acton
June 20	Maynard	Smith, Thomas Robert Bergeron, Janet Grace	S. Acton Maynard
June 21	Concord	Frost, Robert Edward Heyliger, Judith	Acton Concord
June 27	W. Acton	Nichols, David G. Bonnar, Lois H.	W. Acton W. Acton
July 5	Carlisle	Dunne, Robert J. Tewksbury, Barbara L.	Concord E. Acton
July 5	W. Acton	Mauro, Robert L. Kraziuk, Toby K.	S. Acton Westford
July 5	W. Acton	Blanchette, Arthur D. Jr. Beach, Ruth E.	Maynard W. Acton
July 16	Greenfield	Staal, Ewart Louis Otto Gill, Sarah Florence (Murray)	W. Acton W. Acton

July 18	Acton	Poland, Douglas Gordon Jewell, Sarah Kathryn	Boxboro Acton
July 25	Berlin	Jensen, Allen Seymour, Ruth L.	S. Acton Sudbury
Aug. 2	Acton	Gray, Laurie R. Barnhart, Carolyn J.	Littleton E. Acton
Aug. 2	W. Acton	Peterson, Stephen G. Barry, Patricia M.	W. Acton Acton
Aug. 4	Sudbury	Heavens, Ralph Bardwell Mellor, Suzanne	Brunswick, Maine S. Acton
Aug. 8	Maynard	Durand, Robert Irving Subick, Virginia Margaret	S. Acton Maynard
Aug. 29	W. Acton	Major, Robert Roland Whiteneck, Margaret Carol	W. Acton N. Salem, N. H.
Sept. 5	Dracut	Newell, Bradford M. Lee, Doris V.	S. Acton Lowell
Sept. 6	Westford	Simeone, M. Michael Milot, Genevieve	S. Acton Forge Village

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1953

Sept. 19	Lexington	Morse, Harry B. Hollis, Jean	S. Acton S. Acton
Sept. 30	W. Acton	Stevenson, Walter Norman Dow, Hazel Gladys	W. Acton New Hampton, N. H.
Oct. 3	W. Acton	Saganich, John Paul Sexton, Mary Elizabeth	Arlington S. Acton
Oct. 4	Hudson	Hickey, Wallace L. Penniman, Marion	S. Acton Hudson
Oct. 10	W. Acton	Grzegorowicz, Roger B. Cornellier, Maureen B.	W. Acton W. Acton
Oct. 11	Acton	Nelson, John Edward McCabe, Jacqueline	Acton Acton
Oct. 24	Brighton	Herrick, Robert G. Rivard, Beatrice P.	S. Acton Jamaica Plain
Oct. 29	Hudson	Banks, Richard Q. Campbell, Beverly A.	S. Acton Bolton
Nov. 22	Brighton	Landry, Walter Peter Kennedy, Alana	S. Acton Brighton

Nov. 22	Somerville	O'Rourke, Francis T. Ogg, Barbara J.	S. Acton Somerville
Dec. 13	Sudbury	Torkelsen, Walter Harold MacCulloch, Marjorie Elizabeth	Acton Sudbury
Dec. 19	Acton	Brown, Donald William Justice, Eleanor Marguerite	Maynard E. Acton
Dec. 20	Maynard	Feely, William G. Lucia, Barbara Lillian	S. Acton Maynard

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1953

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 3	Davenport, Harry F.	83	0	0
Jan. 20	Prentiss, Dana Lyle		6	25
Jan. 26	Torsleff, Andrew J.	88	0	0
Feb. 1	Larsen, Charles Andrew	74	0	2
Feb. 5	Power, Frederick	56	0	0
Feb. 7	Bursaw, Henry William	84	8	6
Feb. 9	Davis, Arthur F.	89	10	13
Feb. 12	Foskett, Eunice Rita (Bush)	30	6	3
Feb. 23	Blanchard, Webster S.	58	6	16
April 6	Bennett, Herbert W.	73	5	0
April 8	Foley, Mary L.	37	10	5
April 9	Mienke, Robert Walter	0	2	16
April 15	McGrath, Edith N.	73	1	3
April 25	Brazell, David I.	39	3	24
May 8	Spencer, Archie Melvin	74	3	15
May 14	Berglind, John Eric	79	4	11
May 14	French, Genevieve J. (Zdunczyk)	33	4	14
May 17	Cole, Matilda M.	90	0	0
May 19	Blanchard, Arthur F.	88	3	28
May 29	Ineson, Benjamin J.	66	10	27
June 3	Donahue, Julia (Sullivan)	77	3	13
June 7	Rice, Warren Augustus	61	10	21
June 7	Ward, Edward J.	63	3	28
June 14	Fletcher, Jennie (Brown)	80	3	0
June 18	Murphy, John Patrick	60	3	1
June 28	Cook, Walter M.	60	10	12
July 3	Johnston, Mary J.	79	0	22
July 17	Mortimer, George Walter	58	0	0
July 18	Quinn, James	0	0	3
July 23	Callanan, Thomas Francis	76	5	23
July 26	Forbes, Aris Elizabeth	67	4	6
July 28	Turner, Mary Theresa	48	11	15
July 31	Whelan, Patricia Rose	29	10	27
July 31	White, Samuel P.	78	3	3
Aug. 8	Bligh, Alfred A.	82	0	0

Aug.	21	Leveroni, Margaret F.	62	6	19
Sept.	16	Dubee, James	46	7	6
Oct.	3	Strong, L. Leroy	64	4	10
Oct.	7	Caldwell, Emily May	99	5	29
Oct.	9	Harriman, Maynard S.	63	9	6
Oct.	14	Mott, Albert Alanson	78	8	19
Oct.	17	Braman, Bessie F. (Pratt)	68	1	28
Oct.	25	Mekkelsen, John	91	0	1
Oct.	30	O'Leary, James F.	46	7	14
Nov.	5	Brooks, Thomas Perkins	66	11	21
Nov.	6	Gray, Catherine N. (Nickolson)	86	2	25
Nov.	13	Whitcomb, Julian A.	76	0	21
Nov.	23	Foreman, Charles Francis, Jr.	10	6	10
Nov.	24	Hingley, Katherine E.	82	4	29
Dec.	1	Jackson, Raymond Hobart	68	5	9
Dec.	17	Gadoury, Paul J.	32	11	27
Dec.	27	LeClerc, Edward A.	45	4	0
Dec.	30	Hill, Linda June	0	0	12

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1953

Death	Name	Age		Place of Death	Place of Burial
		Y.	M. D.		
Oct. 5	Albee, Fred H.	86	1 20	Winchester, Mass	Mt. Hope
July 16	Blodgett, Lester M.	67	3 21	Somerville, Mass	Woodlawn
Oct. 7	Chase, Helen W.	90	0 1	Boston, Mass.	Woodlawn
Sept. 10	Graves, Margaret M.	71	7 0	Boxborough, Mass.	Woodlawn
April 3	Hapgood, Ernest G.	75	1 21	Newton, Mass.	Mt. Hope
July 15	Haven, Hiram L.	63	1 10	Smithfield, R. I.	Woodlawn
Aug. 9	Holton Mary A.	75	0 9	Boston, Mass.	Mt. Hope
April 12	Hunter, Grace M.	78	1 0	Concord, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Jan. 21	Kingsley, Carrie F.	91	1 11	Taunton, Mass.	Woodlawn
April 10	Libby, Arthur E.	87	0 0	Portland, Me.	Mt. Hope
Mar. 30	Locke, Christina	2	5 17	Warwick, R. I.	Mt. Hope
Jan. 13	Miller, Arthur	84	10 12	Needham, Mass.	Woodlawn
Jan. 21	Littlefield, Louise	4	4 16	Hyde Park, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Mar. 13	Milliken, Idella F.	90	11 12	Reading, Mass.	Mt. Hope
May 15	Morse, Mary D.	81	10 21	Carlisle, Mass.	Woodlawn
April 5	Oxnard, Evelyn S.	83	10 0	Gardner, Mass.	Woodlawn
Oct. 1	Priest, Lucian J.	87	10 28	Medford, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Dec. 30	Rouillard, Emma G.	69	6 16	Malden, Mass.	Woodlawn
Feb. 4	Teele, Sumner N.	78	9 14	Somerville, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Dec. 31	Yates, Benjamin	78	0 7	Boston, Mass.	Woodlawn
May 15	Yeaton, Mary F.	75	11 26	Reading, Mass.	Mt. Hope

NOTICE

**All dog licenses here listed EXPIRE
MARCH 31, 1954.**

**Dogs must be licensed on or before
April 1st or the owners or keepers
thereof are liable to a fine.**

**The law applies to all dogs three
months old or over, regardless of time
of year ownership is acquired.**

**No tax bills are sent to owners of
dogs.**

LIST OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1953

Owner	Tag No.		
Marcia Reed	1	John B. Byers	37
Flora W. Putnam	2	Edmond McNiff	38
Dewey E. Boatman	3	John F. Canessa	39
F. Wendell Putnam	4	Benjamin Plume	40
Peter J. Jarvi	5	Bengt Tornell	41
Doris Nealey	6	Mrs. John T. Sleeper	42
Fred S. Kennedy	7	Frances Priest	43
Fred S. Kennedy	8	Roger Mason	44
David Gates	9	Harold A. Buxton	45
William Lehtinen	10	Katherine M. Graham	46
Charles E. Derby	11	Evelyn Y. Inman	47
Harold C. White	12	Hubert R. Durling, Jr.	48
Jane H. Marsh	13	Hazel Hughes	49
Katherine Nedza	14	Lewis Schwaab	50
Fraser Laffin	15	Lewis Schwaab	51
David Tinker	16	Thomas A. Harris, Jr.	52
Roscoe W. Sawyer	17	Joseph LeMoine	53
Mildred Pope Moore	18	Mrs. Doris B. Trees	54
Mildred Pope Moore	19	Bernard Caouette	55
Jane A. Day	20	Joseph Mercurio	56
Wm. J. Scanlon	21	Benjamin F. Rice	57
Ralph H. Prescott	22	Jacquelyn A. Perry	58
Charles M. MacRae	23	Mrs. Exzilda Bligh	59
Rev. D. L. Campbell	24	Craig R. Collins	60
Arthur S. Desmond	25	Louis J. LaCourse	61
Booth D. Jackson	26	Howard A. Hollis	62
Walter N. Stevenson	27	Howard R. Edwards	63
Robert M. Bowen	28	David B. McElvein	64
Ruth Carter	29	Edgar A. Perkins, Jr.	65
William Flannery	30	Cleon Phelps	66
Frank I. Averett	31	Ruth Phelps	67
Edward R. Kelley	32	Howard Hendrickson	68
Charles H. Liebfried	33	Howard Hendrickson	69
Robert E. Woodbine	34	Matthew Costello	70
Doris J. Woodbine	35	Matthew Costello	71
Bertha B. Briggs	36	Robert W. Kendall	72
		William S. Kendall, Jr.	73

Rose Snyder	74	Gertrude Stiles	112
Melville Thompson, Jr.	75	Russell Davis	113
Ethel Roche	76	Fred Richards	114
J. Eugene McKercher	77	Elizabeth T. Morrison	115
J. Eugene McKercher	78	Elizabeth T. Morrison	116
Glenna Wise	79	Joyce Wilkes	117
Glenna Wise	80	George A. Wilkes	118
Lucille Cunningham	81	Sherman Frost	119
Eric Froberg	82	Margaret Reed	120
Peter O. Cioffi	83	Leo White	121
Peter O. Cioffi	84	George E. Neagle	122
Edgar H. Jordan	85	Curtis Briggs	123
Betty Kirkpatrick	86	Edward Forbes	124
John Brown	87	Howard L. Jones	125
Thomas R. Doyle	88	Mrs. Alfred Parker	126
Stephen French	89	Vaughn Allen	127
Richard Clark	90	Vaughn Allen	128
Robert Murphy	91	Marie R. Morrison	129
Esther Klitsch	92	Thelma Blood	130
William E. McNiff	93	Carrie F. Wells	131
John J. Crighton	94	Theodore Weyn	132
George W. Loggie	95	Howland Parker	133
Nat Shattuck	96	Howland Parker	134
Lawrence Donnelly	97	Alden C. Flagg, Jr.	135
Lawrence Donnelly	98	William J. Durkin	136
Hazel G. Blanchard	99	William J. Durkin	137
Ralph C. Choate	100	John M. Pettingell	138
Churchill Newman	101	Forrest E. Bean	139
Modesto Simeone	102	Richard Lindstrom	140
Henry Teele	103	Barbara Horn	141
Andrew J. Mariotte	104	Frederick F. Lawrence, Jr.	142
Charles MacPherson	105		
Steven Sweetser	106	Harold Richardson	143
Lucretia Conheeney	107	Cecil Balcom	144
George Raymond	108	Cecil Balcom	145
Edgar Peterson	109	Cecil Balcom	146
Leslie Sturdevant	110	W. Gardner Walker	147
William S. Jones	111	W. Gardner Walker	148

Wentworth Prentiss	149	James S. Goodwin	188
Wentworth Prentiss	150	James S. Goodwin	189
William Henry Soar	151	Joanne S. Albright	190
George W. Turnbull	152	Charles Galluzzo	191
George W. Mortimer	153	Charles Galluzzo	192
George A. Wilkes	154	Evelyn H. Spinney	193
Ernest A. Magoon	155	Arthur Conquest	194
Robin Darling	156	Irving S. Duren, Sr.	195
Clarence Turner	157	Beaven Roche	196
Arthur Parks	158	Adolph Wattu	197
H. Stuart MacGregor	159	Dorothy Wattu	198
H. Stuart MacGregor	160	William C. Harper	199
Charles F. Greenough	161	John Torkelsen	200
Vincent A. Paradis	162	E. Wilson Bursaw	201
Alice Pederson	163	Edward J. Higgins	202
Donald Chisholm	164	Hilda Anderson	203
Mrs. F. E. Moyar	165	Arthur Jalonen	204
Otis J. Reed	166	James W. Baker	205
Robert M. Stow	167	Clifford A. Schofield	206
Michael J. Britt	168	Albert Braman	207
Fred W. Micklay	169	Arno H. Perkins	208
John L. Fletcher	170	Arthur P. Reynolds	209
John Lehto	171	Donald Wilson	210
Joseph Perry	172	Roberta Davis	211
Tony Perry	173	Elmer E. Hill	212
Tony Perry	174	Miriam D. McCabe	213
John W. Putnam	175	Walter M. Ballard	214
Lawrence B. Kelley	176	Mary A. Duggan	215
Harold J. Banquer	177	Lowell Cram	216
Archie M. Spencer	178	Leodore E. Maynard	217
Bruce W. Hamblin	179	Frederick T. Heyliger	218
Arthur Decker	180	Elwyn Hollowell	219
William Pyrro	181	William Cobleigh, Jr.	220
Robert B. Young	182	Claire Garceau	221
Robert J. Young	183	Allan Murray	222
Carl Schontag	184	Edward Oldenquist	223
Homer C. Feltus	185	Richard Manion	224
Albert L. Haynes	186	Warren P. Moland	225
James S. Goodwin	187	Margaret W. Larrabee	226

Bruce Larsen	227	David Flint	265
Dr. O. L. Clark	228	Carl C. Fint	266
James Murgatroyd	229	John I. Swenson	267
Frederick S. Whitcomb	230	John Mahoney	268
Winston K. Newman	231	Richard C. Sisson	269
Richard S. McCabe	232	John N. Stevens	270
Margaret Murray	233	Stanley Veasie	271
George Pederson	234	Peter Olsen	272
Ethel C. Robbins	235	Irving S. Duren, Jr.	273
Lee E. Davis	236	John Onslow	274
Everett Maynes	237	John Onslow	275
Clinton S. Curtis	238	John Onslow	276
Clinton S. Curtis	239	Marion Hayes	277
Matthew Freeman	240	Wilmer Laffin	278
Charles Harrison	241	Orlando A. Vanaria	279
David Barry	242	Kenneth Peterson	280
Helen Hollowell	243	John Whittier, Jr.	281
Frederic Abbt	244	Norman G. Collins	282
Paul M. MacPherson	245	Joseph Curtis	283
William A. Massie, Jr.	246	Joseph Curtis	284
Eleanor S. Anderson	247	William L. Chipman	285
Charles Freeman	248	Richard O'Neil	286
Charles Freeman	249	Malcolm Fullonten	287
Walter B. Newsham	250	Winthrop C. Richmond	288
Edwin Hall	251	Albert Goddard	289
Edwin Hall	252	John A. C. Kimball	290
Hal Newport	253	Norman Veenstra	291
Benjamin Bancroft	254	Henry Hickey	292
Clesson Bancroft	255	Henry Hickey	293
George Rifford	256	Edward G. Lawton	294
Gioia Davison	257	Robert A. Reid, III	295
Gioia Davison	258	David Flint	296
Gioia Davison	259	Noe J. Richards	297
Virginia L. Newton	260	Bernard M. Kimsella	298
Leslie M. Smith	261	Mrs. Vivian M. McGray	299
Horace B. Butler	262	William Flagg	300
Kathleen W. Sheppard	263	Fred Willett, Jr.	301
Mark Imbimbo	264	Helen A. Knowlton	302

Mrs. Warren Hartwell	303	John Lindfors	342
Quentin H. Banks	304	John J. Downey	343
George C. Rolfe	305	John J. Downey	344
Walter L. Perrault	306	George A. Wilkes, Jr.	345
Ralph Parsons	307	Ormal S. Laffin	346
John F. Coughlin	308	Jane Chase	347
Dr. Paul Gates	309	Walter E. Hobson	348
Harold Taintor	310	Donald C. Robbins	349
Louis F. Flerra	311	Rose Marie DiDuca	350
Judith Hatch	312	Rose Marie DiDuca	351
Wilbur E. Marston	313	Dr. W. F. Davis	352
Roger Crafts	314	Robert B. Anderson	353
Philip S. Newell	315	Joan Christofferson	354
Edwin Anderson	316	Mrs. George Gilbert	355
Ethel L. Todd	317	Susan Thompson	356
Mrs. Robert H. Gerrity	318	Donald R. Chisholm, II	357
John Duston	319	Barbara E. Bentsen	358
Arthur Lowden	320	George W. Wetherbee	359
Mamie Peterson	321	Albert W. Wunderly	360
Leonard Godfrey, Jr.	322	George Clahane	361
Pauline W. Bursaw	323	Guy Bonfiglio	362
Kenneth Kienow	324	Thomas Motley, II	363
Caxton C. Foster	325	Joyce Jackson	364
Edwin Anderson	326	Frederick Whitcomb	365
Safford P. Sweatt	327	Galen McLaughlin	366
Harold Y. Banquer	328	Albert W. Wunderly	367
Jean Hurley	329	Frank Weatherby	368
A. C. Gravlin	330	John W. Forrest	369
A. C. Gravlin	331	Wilbur E. Marston	370
Frederic W. Hopkins	332	Robert L. Brett	371
Frederic W. Hopkins	333	Mrs. Elizabeth Weyn	372
William D. Tuttle	334	Edward M. Ferry	373
William D. Tuttle	335	Nancy L. Leslie	374
Fred Lloyd	336	Lt. Harold A. Warren, Jr.	375
Frank H. Turner	337		
Janet Roth	338		
Byron Fairbrother	339		
Carolyn Hope	340		
Crimens Pacy	341		

\$10.00 Kennel	Joseph W. Woods
	Edward A. Poor
Alice LaTulippe	
Frances Priest	
Mrs. Henry Anderson	
Edith Davis	\$50.00 Kennel
Edward B. McKinley	Patrick Palmer
Charles Judd Farley	Mrs. Charles D. Gray
327 Licenses at \$2.00	\$654.00
53 Licenses at \$5.00	265.00
8 Licenses at \$10.00	80.00
2 Licenses at \$50.00	100.00
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	1099.00
Deduct fees 390 licenses at 20c	78.00
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Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1021.00

REVISED JURY LIST, 1953

Precinct I

Cecil Balcom, 12 Isaac Davis Way, laborer
H. Vaughn Allen, 22 Newtown Rd., fieldman
Richard C. Davis, 31 Hosmer St., pressman
Frank E. Greenough, 36 Newtown Rd., construction

Mary L. Sleeper, 64 Concord Rd., housewife
E. Wilson Bursaw, 23 Newtown Rd., truck driver
Edmond J. McNiff, 29 Maple Ave., pressman
Thelma L. Boatman, 461 Main St., housewife
Lawrence W. Bennett, 366 Main St., farmer
Gordon E. Westby, 32 Concord Rd., banker
W. Lawrence Marshall, Jr., 96 Carlisle Rd., banker
Waldo V. Langille, 37 Hosmer St., file clerk

Precinct II

Edward M. Carbary, 68 Main St., radio technician
Lucius Tolman, 52 Main St., dry cleaner
Hayward S. Houghton, 266 School St., bank teller
Robert H. Darling, 197 Main St., salesman
Joseph P. DeProsopo, 72 Central St., secretary
Eleanor G. Tuttle, 188 Main St., housewife
Dorothy E. Turner, 18 Maple St., housewife
James H. Connolly, Prospect St., merchant
Warren P. Moland, 294 School St., electrical engineer
Francis B. Whouley, 101 Prospect St., real estate
David P. Tinker, 90 School St., insurance broker
Ervin D. Putnam, 274 School St., carpenter

Precinct III

Albert S. Cook, 297 Central St., salesman
Donald O. Feltus, 264 Central St., optometrist
Carl R. Godfrey, 28 Windsor Ave., salesman
W. Henry Teele, Mass. Ave., repairman
Richard D. Powderly, 572 Mass. Ave. dairyman
Martin J. Duggan, 320 Arlington St., male nurse
Waldo J. Flint, Central St., pharmacist
George Lamont, Jr., 23 Nashoba Rd., sales engineer
Madeleine S. Schmitz, 57 Windsor Ave., housewife
Frederick W. Abbt, 471 Mass. Ave., truckman
Charles W. Webber, 390 Central St., engineer
Walter W. Sprague, 286 Central St., clerk

REPORT OF AUDIT OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

May 28, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Arthur W. Lee, Chairman
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town collector of the Town of Acton for the period from December 1, 1952 to March 3, 1953, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts

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Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town collector of the Town of Acton for the period from December 1, 1952, the date of the previous examination, to March 3, 1953, preparatory to a recommitment to the newly elected town collector, and submit the following report thereon:

The accounts outstanding according to the previous audit, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved. The payments to the town and district treasurers were checked with the treasurers' cash books, the abatements as recorded were verified by comparison with the assessors' and other departmental records of abatements granted, and the outstanding tax, excise, and cemetery department accounts were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to all persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and the district. Replies were received from many taxpayers who claimed that their accounts were paid, and all claims were carefully investigated or are in the process of investigation. The taxpayers' claims, substantiated by presentation of proof of payment, were charged to the collector, and from the remainder of the replies it would appear that the accounts, as now listed, are substantially correct.

A comparison of the collector's adjusted cash balance on March 3, 1953 with the cash in the office and in the bank showed a cash shortage amounting to \$1,025.00. This amount, which is due from the collector, may subsequently be increased by additional proof of payment of items now carried on the collector's books as outstanding.

Detailed lists of outstanding accounts as of March 3, 1953 were prepared and given to the new town collector, and the aggregates of the outstanding levies were given to the assessors for their use in preparing the recommitment warrants to the newly elected town collector.

The newly elected town collector should secure a prompt and complete settlement of all delinquent tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts, some of which date back to 1947.

The surety bonds of the newly elected town collector furnished for the faithful performance of his duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

There are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the town collector's cash discrepancy as well as summaries of the tax, cemetery department, and interest accounts.

During the audit cooperation was extended by all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Director of Accounts

WS:JRB

ASSESSORS' REPORT — 1953

Tax assessed as follows:

Buildings, exclusive of land ..	\$4,388,280.00	
Land	762,765.00	
Personal	588,855.00	
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		\$5,739,900.00

Valuation January 1, 1952	5,274,290.00
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Increase in Valuation	465,610.00
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Rate of Taxation \$50.20

Real Estate	\$ 258,582.73	
Personal Estate	29,560.60	
Polls	2,460.00	
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		\$ 290,603.33

Amount of money raised:

State Parks Tax	\$ 363.83	
State Parks Tax, Underesti- mate of 1952	49.02	
State Audit of Municipal Ac- counts	1,925.61	
State Audit of Municipal Ac- counts, Underestimate of 1952	232.98	
County Tax	11,183.50	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assess- ment	3,419.29	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assess- ment, Underestimate of 1952	26.53	
Town Grant	263,303.20	
Overlay	10,099.37	
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		\$ 290,603.33

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed, 1781

Commissioners Value of Motor
Vehicles and Trailers \$ 742,190.00

Rate of Excise \$50.42

Total Excise \$ 34,503.02

Added Excise 1952 \$ 4,029.33

ALBERT P. DURKEE
CARL C. FLINT
JAMES W. BAKER

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTIONS

January 1, 1953 — March 3, 1953

1948 Real Estate Tax

Audit adjustments	\$ 381.94
Credit Balance, January 1, 1953	— 126.02
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	255.92
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Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 255.92
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1949 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 1,408.35
Audit adjustments84
Interest	62.26
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	\$ 1,471.45
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Paid Treasurer	529.44
Uncollected March 3, 1953	942.01
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	\$ 1,471.45
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1950 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 2,678.11
Interest	68.44
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	\$ 2,746.55
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Paid Treasurer	934.36
Audit adjustments	51.77
Uncollected March 3, 1953	1,760.42
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	\$ 2,746.55
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1951 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 6,804.75
Audit adjustments	1,944.49
Interest	27.40

\$ 8,776.64

Paid Treasurer	899.01
Uncollected March 3, 1953	7,877.63

\$ 8,776.64

1952 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 23,282.65
Audit adjustments	548.10
Interest	47.46

\$ 23,878.21

Paid Treasurer	2,952.36
Uncollected March 3, 1953	20,925.85

\$ 23,878.21

1948 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 667.23
Interest	1.74

\$ 668.97

Paid Treasurer	14.22
Uncollected March 3, 1953	654.75

\$ 668.97

1949 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 841.30
Audit adjustments	5.64
Interest	2.78

\$ 849.72

Paid Treasurer	29.10
Uncollected March 3, 1953	820.62

\$ 849.72

1950 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 1,109.16
Interest	2.30

\$ 1,111.46

Paid Treasurer	142.70
Uncollected March 3, 1953	968.76

\$ 1,111.46

1951 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 1,156.21
Audit adjustments	8.23
Interest	4.60

\$ 1,169.04

Paid Treasurer	53.96
Uncollected March 3, 1953	1,115.08

\$ 1,169.04

1952 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 3,804.86
Audit adjustments	44.10
Interest	5.98

\$ 3,854.94

Paid Treasurer	1,352.26
Uncollected March 3, 1953	2,502.68

\$ 3,854.94

1947 Poll Tax

Audit adjustment	\$ 2.00
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Paid Treasurer	\$ 2.00
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1948 Poll Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 68.00
Audit adjustments	2.00
Interest96

\$ 70.96

Paid Treasurer	10.96
Uncollected March 3, 1953	60.00

\$ 70.96

1949 Poll Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 232.00
Interest	2.36

\$ 234.36

Paid Treasurer	34.36
Abatements	4.00
Audit adjustments	4.00
Uncollected March 3, 1953	192.00
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	\$ 234.36
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1950 Poll Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 310.00
Interest	2.24
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	\$ 312.24
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Paid Treasurer	42.24
Abatements	4.00
Audit adjustments	6.00
Uncollected March 3, 1953	260.00
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	\$ 312.24
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1951 Poll Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 420.00
Interest	2.12
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	\$ 422.12
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Paid Treasurer	68.12
Abatements	4.00
Audit adjustments	6.00
Uncollected March 3, 1953	344.00
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	\$ 422.12
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1952 Poll Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 1,222.00
Interest	4.14

\$ 1,226.14

Paid Treasurer	858.14
Abatements	20.00
Audit adjustments	4.00
Uncollected March 3, 1953	344.00

\$ 1,226.14

1947 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 28.64
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Uncollected March 3, 1953	28.64
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1948 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 247.65
Interest	1.83

\$ 249.48

Paid Treasurer	\$ 10.49
Audit adjustments	2.01
Uncollected March 3, 1953	236.98

\$ 249.48

1949 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 1,448.61
Interest	3.02

\$ 1,451.63

Paid Treasurer	135.37
Uncollected March 3, 1953	1,316.26

\$ 1,451.63

1950 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 1,836.53
Interest	14.13

\$ 1,850.66

Paid Treasurer	262.89
Audit adjustments	33.33
Uncollected March 3, 1953	1,554.44

\$ 1,850.66

1951 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 3,928.18
Audit adjustments	253.91
Interest	32.50

\$ 4,214.59

Paid Treasurer	701.87
Abatements	900.00
Uncollected March 3, 1953	2,612.72

\$ 4,214.59

1952 Excise Tax

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 9,730.60
Additional commitments	4,029.33
Refunds	301.52
Interest	6.84

\$ 14,068.29

Paid Treasurer	4,466.53
Abatements	345.42
Audit adjustments	1,048.81
Uncollected March 3, 1953	8,207.53

\$ 14,068.29

Cemetery Department, Accounts Receivable

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 157.00
Commitment	622.50

\$ 779.50

Paid Treasurer	227.60
Audit adjustments	5.90
Uncollected March 3, 1953	546.00

\$ 779.50

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD O. NYLANDER

Town Accountant

TOWN COLLECTORS REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts

I herewith submit my report for the period March 3, 1953 through December 31, 1953 inclusive.

1948 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 255.92
Interest	44.23
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	\$ 300.15
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Paid Treasurer	268.95
Uncollected December 31, 1953	31.20
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	\$ 300.15
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1949 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 942.01
Interest	119.82
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	\$ 1,061.83
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Paid Treasurer	931.17
Uncollected December 31, 1953	130.66
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	\$ 1,061.83
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1950 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 1,760.42
Refunds	4.98

Interest	133.21
	<u>\$ 1,898.61</u>
Audit adjustments	146.88
Paid Treasurer	1,330.45
Uncollected December 31, 1953	421.28
	<u>\$ 1,898.61</u>

1951 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 7,877.63
Interest	490.17
	<u>\$ 8,367.80</u>
Audit adjustments	46.62
Paid Treasurer	8,003.72
Uncollected December 31, 1953	317.46
	<u>\$ 8,367.80</u>

1952 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 20,925.85
Audit adjustment .....	.30
Interest	389.55
Refunds	98.00
	<u>\$ 21,413.70</u>
Abatements	141.60
Paid Treasurer	13,205.47
Uncollected December 31, 1953	8,066.63
	<u>\$ 21,413.70</u>

1953 Real Estate Tax

Committed	\$258,582.46
Interest	65.05
Refunds	785.63

\$259,433.14

Abatements	3,749.74
Paid Treasurer	235,445.74
Uncollected December 31, 1953	20,237.66

\$259,433.14

1948 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 654.75
Interest	16.03

\$ 670.78

Abatements	305.76
Paid Treasurer	97.95
Uncollected December 31, 1953	267.07

\$ 670.78

1949 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 820.62
Interest	55.57

\$ 876.19

Abatements	112.80
Paid Treasurer	462.59

Uncollected December 31, 1953	300.80
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	\$ 876.19
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1950 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 968.76
Interest	61.49
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	\$ 1,030.25
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Abatements	43.20
Paid Treasurer	650.53
Uncollected December 31, 1953	336.52
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	\$ 1,030.25
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1951 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 1,115.08
Interest	23.72
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	\$ 1,138.80
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Paid Treasurer	375.05
Uncollected December 31, 1953	763.75
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	\$ 1,138.80
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1952 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 2,502.68
Interest	37.37
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	\$ 2,540.05
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Abatements	162.93
Paid Treasurer	1,585.77
Uncollected December 31, 1953	791.35
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	\$ 2,540.05
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1953 Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$ 29,560.52
Interest	2.36
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	\$ 29,562.88
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Paid Treasurer	26,849.87
Uncollected December 31, 1953	2,713.01
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	\$ 29,562.88
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1948 Poll Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 60.00
Interest	4.93
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	\$ 64.93
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Abatements	\$ 32.00
Paid Treasurer	28.93
Uncollected December 31, 1953	4.00
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	\$ 64.93
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1949 Poll Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 192.00
Interest	19.99
Refunds	4.00
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	\$ 215.99
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Audit adjustment	\$ 2.00
Abatements	64.00
Paid Treasurer	137.99
Uncollected December 31, 1953	12.00
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	\$ 215.99
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1950 Poll Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 260.00
Interest	16.34
Refunds	4.00
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	\$ 280.34
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Audit adjustment	2.00
Abatements	112.00
Paid Treasurer	152.34
Uncollected December 31, 1953	14.00
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	\$ 280.34
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1951 Poll Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 344.00
Interest	13.24
Refunds	4.00
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	\$ 361.24
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Abatements	146.00
Audit adjustment	2.00
Paid Treasurer	189.24
Uncollected December 31, 1953	24.00
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	\$ 361.24
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1952 Poll Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 344.00
Interest	7.52
Refund	2.00
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	\$ 353.52

Abatements	130.00
Audit adjustment	2.00
Paid Treasurer	203.52
Uncollected December 31, 1953	18.00
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	\$ 353.52

1953 Poll Tax

Committed	\$ 2,460.00
Interest	1.93
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	\$ 2,461.93

Abatements	362.00
Paid Treasurer	1,909.93
Uncollected December 31, 1953	190.00
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	\$ 2,461.93

1947 Excise Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 28.64
Interest	7.20
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	\$ 35.84

Paid Treasurer	18.06
Uncollected December 31, 1953	17.78
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	\$ 35.84

1948 Excise Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 236.98
Interest	26.70
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	\$ 263.68
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Paid Treasurer	107.39
Uncollected December 31, 1953	156.29
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	\$ 263.68
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1949 Excise Tax

Uncollected March 31, 1953	\$ 1,316.26
Interest	124.73
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	\$ 1,440.99
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Audit adjustment	4.13
Paid Treasurer	717.24
Uncollected December 31, 1953	719.62
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	\$ 1,440.99
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1950 Excise Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 1,554.44
Interest	129.63
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	\$ 1,684.07
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Audit adjustments	8.42
Paid Treasurer	1,073.78
Uncollected December 31, 1953	601.87
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	\$ 1,684.07
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1951 Excise Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 2,612.72
Interest	133.13
Refund	2.00
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	\$ 2,747.85
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Audit adjustments	9.75
Abatements	300.00
Paid Treasurer	1,329.69
Uncollected December 31, 1953	1,108.41
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	\$ 2,747.85
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1952 Excise Tax

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 8,207.53
Interest	104.23
Refunds	64.76
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	\$ 8,376.52
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Audit adjustments	90.24
Abatements	2,792.94
Paid Treasurer	4,008.85
Uncollected December 31, 1953	1,484.49
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	\$ 8,376.52
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1953 Excise Tax

Committed	\$ 34,517.85
Interest	21.74
Refunds	1,206.22
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	\$ 35,745.81
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Abatements	2,633.23
Paid Treasurer	28,490.09
Uncollected December 31, 1953	4,622.49
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	\$ 35,745.81
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Cemetery Department, Accounts Receivable

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$ 546.00
Audit adjustments	7.00
Committed	78.00
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	\$ 631.00
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Paid Treasurer	436.00
Uncollected December 31, 1953	195.00
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	\$ 631.00
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Paid Treasurer:	
Lien Certificate fees	\$ 154.00
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Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. MacRAE,
Town Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts.

I herewith submit my report for the year 1953:

Cash Balance January 1, 1953	\$409,564.34
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Receipts for 1953

Received from State Treasurer

Highways	\$ 19,215.65
Disability Assistance	1,581.25
Aid Dependent Children Fed'l	2,726.87
Old Age Assistance	21,864.37
Old Age Assistance, Fed'l	22,939.89
Lunch Program	312.36
Highways, Chapter 90	6 999.47
Income Tax	8,762.66
Veteran's Services	2,161.62
Disability Assistance, Fed'l	2,003.10
Meal Tax	1,497.07
Corporation Tax	23,659.78
Schools	38,816.44
Aid Dependent Children	2,572.90
Tuition	1,400.40
Loss on Taxes	1,699.15
Board of Health	127.86
School Aid	3,624.84
Vocational Education	695.79
Transportation	3,250.00

165,911.47

Received from County Treasurer

Highways	3,999.55
Dog Refund	669.67
Dog Officer	461.50

5,130.72

Received from Collector of Taxes

Poll, 1947	2.00
Excise, 1947	10.86
Poll, 1948	34.00
Personal 1948	94.40
Excise, 1948	89.35
Real Estate, 1948 Over payment ...	157.22
Poll, 1949	158.00
Excise, 1949	810.93
Personal, 1949	454.94
Real Estate, 1949	1,308.85
Poll, 1950	170.00
Excise, 1950	1,178.10
Personal, 1950	731.34
Real Estate, 1950	2,520.70
Poll, 1951	240.00
Excise, 1951	1,794.67
Personal, 1951	377.19
Real Estate, 1951	5,862.92
Poll, 1952	1,050.00
Excise, 1952	8,364.31
Personal, 1952	2,894.68
Real Estate, 1952	15,720.82
Poll, 1953	1,908.00
Excise, 1953	28,468.48
Personal, 1953	26,847.51
Real Estate, 1953	235,380.69
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Costs	1.40
Liens	154.00

Care Lots,	436.00
Interest	2,200.73

339,108.85

Miscellaneous Receipts

Dewey's Market, License	400.00
Village Package Store, License ..	400.00
Board of Selectmen, Licenses	229.00
Board of Selectmen, Wire Inspector .	313.75
Director of Standards, Licenses	50.00
Boston & Maine R. R., Snow Removal	117.00
Mary Parsons, Old Age Assistance .	2,129.25
Town of Acton, County Retirement .	3,349.12
Town of Acton Withholding Taxes	26,429.70
Town of Acton, Teacher's Retirement	5,588.42
Town of Acton, Blue Cross	2,205.90
Town of Acton, Machinery A/C ...	4,980.58
Alexander Whiteneck, Rent Hall ...	113.00
Town of Maynard, Old Age Assistance	1,375.66
Fred Kennedy, Burials	890.00
Fred Kennedy, Low'g Device	105.00
Fred Kennedy, Sale Lots	170.00
Fred Kennedy, Miscellaneous	82.00
Fred Kennedy, Chapel Fee	30.00
Fred Kennedy, Liners Installed	78.00
Fred Kennedy, Foundations	68.00
South Acton Fire Co., Blue Cross .	732.60
Town of Watertown, Old Age Assistance	504.80
Acton High School Fund Athletic Fund	1,226.10
Acton High School Fund, Milk Receipts	657.63
Acton High School Fund, Lunch Program	5,667.72

Acton High School Fund,	
Telephone	19.63
Acton High School Fund,	
Breakage	5.87
Arthur Hirsch, West Fire Relief	
Fund	2.00
Concord District Court, Fines	448.75
Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog Licenses ...	1,007.80
Board of Health, Cesspool Fee	1.00
Board of Health, Licenses	91.00
Board of Health, Nurse Services ..	691.00
Board of Health, Septic Tank Fees ..	13.00
Mary Lothrop, Library Fines	196.38
Mary Lothrop, Miscellaneous	12.50
Mary Lothrop, Sale Books	14.41
Town of Winchendon, Old Age	
Assistance	311.73
Town of Marblehead, Old Age	
Assistance	200.00
Ethel Davis, Care Lots	227.60
H. S. MacGregor, Permits	94.50
Middlesex Fire Ins. Co., Damage ..	50.00
Ethel Davis, Town Collector A/C ..	125.10
City of Boston, Old Age	
Assistance	30.31
City of Newton, Old Age Assistance	87.35
Edith McGrath, Old Age Assistance ..	39.50
Beth Israel Hospital, Board of	
Health	117.50
Town of Arlington, Old Age	
Assistance	188.71
City of Brockton, Old Age ..	
Assistance	56.29
Town of Westford, Tuition	751.75
So. Acton Fire Co., Firemen's	
Fund	90.00
West Acton Fire Co., Firemen's	
Fund	95.00
Center Fire Co., Firemen's Fund ..	85.00
Town of Harvard, Old Age	
Assistance	119.64

City of Malden, Old Age	
Assistance	137.52
Charles MacRae, Blue Cross	3.55
Town of Boxboro, Tuition	4,467.21
Town of Weston, Old Age	
Assistance	51.78
Est. Sadie Geer, Old Age	
Assistance	1,248.59
Samuel White, Old Age Assistance .	32.10
City of Boston, Welfare	14.40
City of Boston, Schools	885.35
Moore's Market, Veteran's	
Benefits .....	.92
Clinton Trust Co., Audi.-Gym.	
Notes	100,000.00
Clinton Trust Co., Premium on	
notes	50.00
Clinton Trust Co., Accrued Intêrest .	100.00
City of Woburn, Old Age	
Assistance	16.67
Town of Concord, Land Tax	29.91
City of Medford, Old Age	
Assistance	64.44
City of Cambridge, Old Age	
Assistance	85.85
A. Perry Marble, Scaler Weights ..	148.25
Chief of Police, Revolver Permits .	19.00
Perpetual Care Woodlawn Cemetery	
Levi Robbins,	200.00
Victor Mason,	75.00
C. Elizabeth Cook,	200.00
Alma Townsend,	150.00
Isabella Choate,	150.00
Mary Callanan,	150.00
Perpetual Care Mt. Hope Cemetery	
Estate Blanche Brown,	150.00
A. L. Wilbur,	150.00
Harold Prentiss,	150.00
Mary V. Gardnier,	150.00
Estate Isabella Kennedy,	100.00
Transfers to Town Account from	

Elizabeth White Fund	1,050.00
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	150.00
Memorial Library Fund	300.00
Georgia E. Whitney Fund	543.00
Cemetery Fund	1,000.00
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	1,800.00
Henry S. Raymond Fund	50.00
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	50.00
Acton High School Library Fund ..	18.49
Blanchard Auditorium Fund	150,000.00

327,008.58

Trust Fund Income

Frank C. Hayward Fund	25.00
Hoit and Scott Fund	12.50
Elizabeth White Fund	736.70
Georgia E. Whitney Fund	424.32
Memorial Library Fund	342.58
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	2 384.54
Cemetery Fund	1,643.54
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	275.00
Betsy M. Ball Fund	302.86
Henry S. Raymond Fund	60.39
Acton High School Library Fund ..	37.50
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	41.26

6,286.19

Total Cash Receipts for 1953 .	843,445.31
Cash Balance January 1, 1953 .	409,564.34

\$1,253,009.65

Paid Selectmen's Orders for 1953	893,774.19
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Cash Balance December 31, 1953	\$ 359,235.46
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OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS

DECEMBER 31, 1953

High School Addition Notes, 173-176 due 1954 to 1957	\$ 4,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, Chapt, 44 Gen'l Laws, 6 to 90 due 1954 to 1970	85,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, Chapt. 645, Acts 1948, 11 to 200 due 1954 to 1972	190,000.00
Blanchard Auditorium and Gym- nasium Notes, Chapt. 645, Acts 1948, 184 to 283 due 1954 to 1958	100,000.00

SUSAN NOYES HOSMER FUND

Balance January 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$ 82,238.95
Unexpended Balance	2,729.56

	\$ 84,968.51
Received interest for 1953	\$ 2,467.32
	\$ 87,435.83

Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balances in Savings Banks ..	\$ 85,635.83
Transfer to Town Account	1,800.00
	\$ 87,435.83

CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$ 60,222.21
Unexpended Balance	4,144.48

\$ 64,366.69

Received for Perpetual Care 1953 .	1,625.00
Received Interest for 1953	1,771.80

\$ 3,396.80

\$ 67,763.49

Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 59,163.49
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G	7,600.00
Transfer to Town Account	1,000.00

\$ 67,763.49

ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

Balance January 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$ 25,000.00
Unexpended Balance	2,308.53

\$ 27,308.53

Received Interest for 1953	788.25
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\$ 28,096.78

Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balances in Savings Banks ..	\$ 27,046.78
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1953 ...	1,050.00

\$ 28,096.78

WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January, 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$ 16,594.59
Unexpended Balance	352.25

\$ 16,946.84

Received Interest for 1953	491.70
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\$ 17,438.54

Balance December 31, 1953	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 16,138.54
West Shore R.R. Bond	1,000.00
Transfer to Town Account	300.00
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	\$ 17,438.54

GEORGIA E. WHITNEY FUND

Balance January, 1, 1953	
Principal Fund	\$ 14,073.70
Unexpended Balance	918.49
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	\$ 14,992.19
Received Interest for 1953	448.90
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	\$ 15,441.09

Balance December 31, 1953	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 14,898.09
Transfer to Town Account	543.00
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	\$ 15,441.09

LUKE BLANCHARD CEMETERY FUND

Balance January, 1, 1953	
Principal Fund	\$ 1,544.76
Received Interest for 1953	40.79
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	\$ 1,585.55

Balance December 31, 1953	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 1,585.55

CEMETERY SURPLUS FUND

Balance January, 1, 1953	
Principal Fund	\$ 210.35
Received Interest for 1953	5.28
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	\$ 215.63

Balance December 31, 1953	
Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 215.63

WEST ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January, 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$	776.28
Received Interest for 1953	31.47	
Donation	2.00	

33.47

\$ 809.75

Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$	809.75
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ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$	4,935.00
Unexpended Balance	804.49	

\$ 5,739.49

Received to Fund in 1953

Company Salaries	\$	270.00
Interest	145.48	

415.48

\$ 6,154.97

Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balances in Savings Bank ...	\$	6,154.97
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HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND

Monument Perpetual Care

Balance January, 1, 1953

Principal Fund..	\$	700.00
Unexpended Balance	111.25	

\$ 811.25

Received Interest for 1953	\$	22.45
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\$ 833.70

Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$	833.70
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ACTON HIGH LIBRARY FUND

Balance January, 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Unexpended Balance	27.39

	\$ 1,527.39
Received Interest for 1953	\$ 38.26

	\$ 1,565.65
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Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 1,547.16
Transfer to Town Account	18.49

	\$ 1,565.65
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HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND

Balance January, 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Unexpended Balance	227.87

	\$ 2,227.87
Received Interest for 1953	60.39

	\$ 2,288.26
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Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 2,238.26
Transfer to Town Account	50.00

	\$ 2,288.26
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GEORGIA E. WHITNEY CEMETERY FUND

Balance January, 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Unexpended Balance	145.82

	\$ 1,645.82
Received Interest for 1953	44.84

	\$ 1,690.66
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Balance December 31, 1953	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 1,640.66
Transfer to Town Account	50.00
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	\$ 1,690.66

FRANK C. HAYWARD FUND

Balance January 1, 1953	
Principal Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Unexpended Balance	103.42
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	\$ 1,103.42
Received Interest for 1953	27.71
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	\$ 1,131.13

Balance December 31, 1953	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 1,131.13

HOIT AND SCOTT CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1953	
Principal Fund	\$ 500.00
Unexpended Balance	51.74
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	\$ 551.74
Received Interest for 1953	13.84
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	\$ 565.58

Balance December 31, 1953	
U. S. Savings Bond Series D	\$ 500.00
Bank Balance in Savings Bank	65.58
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	\$ 565.58

J. ROLAND WETHERBEE CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1953	
Principal Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Unexpended Balance	476.75
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	\$ 10,476.75
Received Interest for 1953	286.70
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	\$ 10,763.45

Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 10,613.45
Transfer to Town Account	150.00
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	\$ 10,763.45

BETSEY M. BALL FUND

Balance January 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$ 10,095.26
Unexpended Balance	599.24
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	\$ 10,694.50
Received Interest for 1953	318.46
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	\$ 11,012.96

Balance December 31, 1953

Bank Balances in Savings Banks ...	\$ 11,012.96
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THE BLANCHARD AUDITORIUM FUND

Balance January 1, 1953

Principal Fund	\$ 150,000.00
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Balance December 31, 1953

Transfer to Town Account	\$ 150,000.00
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Respectfully Submitted,

WM. HENRY SOAR,

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

INVESTMENTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$ 465.54
U. S. War Bonds	3,000.00
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	\$ 3,465.54

RECEIPTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$ 12.78
U. S. War Bonds	75.00
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	\$ 87.78

EXPENDITURES

Treasurer of the Evangelical Church in Acton	\$ 67.78
Town of Acton for perpetual care of Goodnow Lot in Woodlawn Cemetery	20.00
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	\$ 87.78

ROY H. LINSOTT
HORACE F. TUTTLE
FRANK E. GREENOUGH
Trustees of Goodnow Fund

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Fourteen cases have been carefully investigated and this Committee has signed orders to the Treasurer for the sum of Ten hundred fifty dollars (\$1,050.00).

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA L. SAWYER
HELEN B. WOOD
THELMA M. BLOOD
Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The accompanying report covers the financial transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 1953, and consists of the following:

- I. Summary of Appropriations, Transfers and Expenditures.
- II. Schedule of Receipts and Departmental Payments.
- III. Balance Sheet.

During the year, the Funded Debt has increased \$100,000.00, to complement other available funds for the construction of the Blanchard Auditorium-Gymnasium.

The 1954 amortization requirements for all loans is as follows:

High School Addition	\$ 1,000.00
Elementary School	15,000.00
Blanchard Auditorium-Gymnasium .	20,000.00
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Total	\$36,000.00

The account receivable designated "Ethel Davis, Former Collector" is being investigated and processed by the Bonding Company.

I have verified the accounts of the Treasurer, Collector, and Manager of the School Cafeteria; and have checked the various funds in the custody of the Treasurer and Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD O. NYLANDER,

Town Accountant

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Appropriated	Expended	Balance
Selectmen's Dept. Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,684.00	\$ 3,434.39	\$ 249.61
Selectmen's Dept. Expenses	200.00	135.53	64.47
Finance Committee	75.00	33.50	41.50
Moderator	55.00		
R	30.00	85.00	—
Treasurer, Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	—
Treasurer, Expense	350.00		
R	154.85	503.07	1.78
Assessors Salaries and Wages ..	3,750.00	3,643.10	106.90
Assessors Expenses	300.00	279.80	20.20
Collector, Salary	1,800.00		
R	200.00	1,999.02	.98
Collector, Expense	300.00		
R	200.00	483.93	16.07
Accountant, Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	—
Accountant, Expense	100.00	96.15	3.85
Town Clerk, Salaries and Wages	800.00	663.00	137.00
Town Clerk, Expense	350.00	253.82	96.18
Elections and Registrations, Salaries and Wages	780.00		
R	53.15	833.15	—
Elections and Registrations Expense	540.00	457.05	82.95

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds, Salaries and Wages	3,100.00	2,248.61	851.39
Buildings and Grounds, Expense	5,525.00	4,175.09	1,349.91

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept. Salaries and Wages	13,418.00		
R	175.00	13,578.50	14.50
Police Dept. Expense	2,550.00	2,544.89	5.11
Police Dept. New Cruiser, Art. 24	600.00	575.00	25.00
Traffic Zone Signs	900.00	555.29	344.71
Fire Dept. Salaries and Wages .	6,180.00		
R	1,350.00	7,516.28	13.72
Fire Dept. Expense	4,343.00		
R	41.54	4,384.54	—
Fire Alarm System, Labor	3,820.00	3,492.98	327.02
Fire Alarm System, Expense ..	1,050.00	792.73	257.27

Fire Dept. Radios and Alternators	1,650.00		
R	170.72	1,820.72	—
Painting West Fire House	600.00	425.00	175.00
Fire Alarm System Extensions .	2,150.00	1,790.00	360.00
Fire Company Insurance	300.00		
R	35.25	335.25	—
Fire Hydrant Rental	4,775.00	4,630.00	145.00
Moth Dept. Wages	1,500.00	1,488.70	11.30
Moth Dept. Expense	1,200.00		
R	15.02	1,215.02	—
Tree Dept. Wages	1,500.00	1,446.10	53.90
Tree Dept. Expense	1,000.00		
R	5.32	1,005.32	—
Replacement of Shade Trees ...	250.00	226.55	23.45
Eradication of Poison Ivy	1,000.00	998.75	1.25
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00	554.80	445.20
Mist Blower	2,400.00	1,719.90	680.10
Sealer of Weights and Measures,			
Salary	250.00	250.00	—
Sealer of Weights and Measures,			
Expense	50.00	40.20	9.80
Wire Inspector, Salary and Travel	650.00	650.00	—
Wire Inspector, Expense	50.00	50.00	—
Dog Officer	450.00	450.00	—

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salaries:

Board Members	50.00	50.00	—
Town Nurse	2,865.00		
R	15.00	2,880.00	—
Substitute Nurse	200.00		
R	450.00	646.50	3.50
Agent	200.00		
R	150.00	348.25	1.75
Inspector	150.00		
R	65.00	211.75	3.25
Dump	1,850.00		
R	752.37	2,602.37	—

Board of Health, Expenses:

Board Members	225.00		
R	100.00	200.28	124.72
Nurse	700.00	660.00	40.00
Agent	450.00	448.25	1.75
Inspector	250.00		
R	85.00	330.14	4.86
Dump	600.00		
R	405.00	1,004.30	.70
State Sanatorium	2,500.00	1,785.18	714.82

Medical Supplies	150.00		
R	150.00	261.45	38.55
Clinic	300.00	142.62	157.38
Garbage Collections	2,250.00		
R	50.00	2,283.70	16.30
Inspector of Animals, Salary ...	150.00	150.00	—
Inspector of Animals, Expense .	25.00	23.62	1.38
Haynes Memorial Hospital	1,352.10	1,340.10	12.00

HIGHWAYS

Village Highways	3,000.00	2,998.72	1.28
Chapter 81	8,550.00		
G	15,675.00	24,223.93	1.07
Chapter 90, Maintenance	2,000.00		
G	2,000.00	2,998.89	1,001.11
Chapter 90, Construction	3,000.00		
G	9,000.00	11,998.75	1.25
Highway Culverts (Art. 11, 1951)	4,000.00	—	4,000.00
Signs and Lines	500.00	377.68	122.32
Snow Removal	12,000.00	10,968.86	1,031.14
Road Machinery	2,500.00	1,865.27	634.73
Highway Dept. Truck, Art. 18 ..	6,500.00	6,493.93	6.07
Street Lighting	6,160.00	6,001.22	158.78
Granite Marker Restoration ...	500.00	88.50	411.50
Laurel Court (Art. 29, 1952) .B	69.14	—	69.14
Spreader Body—Sanding Highways	1,500.00	1,458.09	41.91
Highway Vacations	700.00	657.60	42.40

CHARITIES

General Relief	3,000.00	1,242.94	1,757.06
Welfare District—Administraton	950.00		
G	140.00	1,090.00	—
Old Age Assistance	41,000.00		
B	3,243.16		
G	22,939.89	59,751.14	7,431.91
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00		
B	983.79		
G	2,726.87	6,571.25	2,139.41
Disability Assistance	3,500.00		
B	340.86		
G	2,003.10	4,060.42	1,783.54

VETERANS AID

Agent's Salary	150.00	150.00	—
Agent's Expense	150.00	149.50	.50
Aid Expenditures	5,000.00	4,360.00	640.00
Veterans Services, Salaries	1,050.00	806.50	243.50
Veterans Services, Expense	50.00	6.00	44.00

EDUCATION

Instruction	115,170.00	112,854.00	2,316.00
Textbooks and Supplies	6,780.00	6,779.73	.27
Plant Operation	22,550.00	22,547.18	2.82
Maintenance	1,000.00	990.25	9.75
Auxiliary Agencies	11,520.00	10,303.49	1,216.51
General Control	8,700.00	8,664.47	35.53
Outlay	1,750.00	1,703.62	46.38
Contingency Fund	500.00	471.38	28.62
School Lunches	200.00		
B	40.03		
C	6,637.71	5,074.64	1,803.10
Athletics	500.00		
B	531.13		
C	1,226.10	1,781.37	475.86
Lighting Fixtures—West School	1,000.00	795.37	204.63
Vocational Tuition	1,500.00	1,485.38	14.62
Nagog Regional School District	22,668.00	22,668.00	—
School Building, Art. 7, 1952 ..B	170.00	—	170.00
Elementary School Building ..B	225,843.65	210,537.01	15,306.64
School Land Purchase	15,000.00	2,350.00	12,650.00
Regional School District Planning Committee	500.00	226.59	273.41
Blanchard Auditorium Land Purchase	9,533.75	120.00	9,413.75
Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium Building	53,000.00		
B	4,925.00		
F	150,000.00		
L	100,000.00	116,514.77	191,410.23
Sewage Disposal	4,000.00	3,686.00	314.00
Transportation—Special Article	3,000.00	2,675.00	325.00

LIBRARIES

Salaries	1,600.00	1,550.00	50.00
Expense	980.00		
R	3.06	983.06	—
Books	600.00		
B	4.55		
T	300.00	897.90	6.65
Redecorate Interior of Memorial Library	375.00	375.00	—
B			

CEMETERIES

Salaries and Wages	8,500.00	8,482.20	17.80
Expense	2,300.00	2,297.32	2.68
Air Compressor	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
Mt. Hope Oiling	449.08	415.01	34.07
Mt. Hope Clearing and GradingB	500.00	—	500.00

Woodlawn Clearing and Grading	B	1,000.00		
		1,500.00	1,441.95	1,058.05
Perpetual Care	B	169.52		
	T	1,000.00	711.85	457.67
Hosmer Fund	B	277.22		
	T	1,800.00	1,731.23	845.99
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	B	15.45		
	T	150.00	117.92	47.53
Raymond Fund	B	8.45		
	T	50.00	20.42	38.03
Georgia Whitney Fund	B	15.28		
	T	50.00	11.40	53.88

RECREATION

Playgrounds		1,500.00	611.26	888.74
Skating Rink		500.00	—	500.00
Water Safety		500.00	450.00	50.00

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST

Maturing Debt		16,000.00	16,000.00	—
Interest		5,875.00	5,875.00	—

UNCLASSIFIED

Miscellaneous Expenses		1,500.00	586.47	913.53
Town Counsel		500.00	410.00	90.00
Town Reports		1,325.00	1,316.00	9.00
Surety Bonds		600.00	595.25	4.75
Town Building Insurance		2,700.00	1,922.62	777.38
Workmen's Compensation		2,300.00	1,598.52	701.48
1952 Unpaid Bills		753.23	753.23	—
Memorial Day		600.00	520.87	79.13
Officer and Employee Insurance		1,000.00	967.27	32.73
Surface Drainage		1,000.00	—	1,000.00
Zoning Committee		500.00	187.74	312.26
Civil Defense	B	1,840.74	102.66	1,738.08
Town Forest, Cutting Brush		100.00		
	B	252.82	71.40	281.42
Town Forest Committee		500.00	80.00	420.00
Pension and Military Service				
Funds		2,030.00	2,029.50	.50
Planning Board		500.00	185.00	315.00

Sub-Total of Cash Expenditures	\$1,099,616.90	\$824,274.73	\$275,342.17
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NO APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Withholding Taxes	26,652.30
Massachusetts Hospital Service	2,874.30
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	5,588.42

Middlesex County Retirement ..	3,257.63
Middlesex County Dog Licenses	1,022.80
Middlesex County Tax	10,880.89
Middlesex County Hospital Assess- ment	3,682.42
State Audit	1,925.61
State Parks	537.63
Refunds on Taxes	3,232.78
Trust Accounts	1,897.00
Interest on Trust Funds	6,286.19
Trust Fund Expenditures	1,611.49
Premium Received on Blanchard Auditorium Bonds	50.00
Total Cash Expenditures	<hr/> \$893,774.19

KEY

B—Balance

G—Grants

R—Reserve Fund

T—Trust Fund Transfers

L—Bond Issue

F—Blanchard Foundation Gift

C—Cash Receipts

CASH RECEIPTS AND DEPARTMENTAL PAYMENTS

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Receipts

Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1953.....\$559,564.34

Treasurer's Itemized Report 693,445.31

Total Cash	<u>\$1,253,009.65</u>
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Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Salaries and Wages:

Arthur W. Lee	383.33
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Lawrence Donnelly	316.67
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George S. Braman	300.00
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Virginia Milbery, Clerk	2,371.00
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Clerical Assistance	63.39
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3,434.39

Expenses:

Postage	31.85
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Stationery	45.18
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Association Dues and Meetings .	53.50
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1953 Laws	5.00
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135.53

Finance Committee

Expenses:

Association Dues and Meetings .	33.50
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Moderator

Salary:

Albert P. Durkee	85.00
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Treasurer

Salary:

William Henry Soar	1,100.00
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Expenses:

Postage	110.88
Telephone	35.09
Stationery and Printing	112.50
Auditorium Bond Expense	179.85
Stenographic Services	45.00
Sundry	19.75

503.07

Assessors

Salaries and Wages:

Albert P. Durkee	1,800.00
Carl C. Flint	800.00
James A. Baker	800.00
Marion Baker, Clerk	243.10

3,643.10

Expenses:

Forms and Printing	137.69
Association Dues and Meetings	29.00
Transfers and Probates	80.36
Sundry	32.75

279.80

Collector of Taxes

Salaries and Wages:

Ethel A. Davis	311.58
Charles M. MacRae	1,488.42
Clerical Assistance	199.02

1,999.02

Expenses:

Books and Printing	262.49
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Postage	204.44
Sundry	17.00

483.93

Town Accountant

Salary:

Donald O. Nylander	1,100.00
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Expenses:

Books, Supplies and Printing .	80.40
Stenographic Services	7.00
Meeting Expense	8.75

96.15

Town Clerk

Salaries and Wages:

Harlan E. Tuttle	400.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, recording vital statistics	202.50
Clerical Assistance	60.50

663.00

Expenses:

Stationery and Printing	15.82
Typewriter	145.00
Association Dues and Subscriptions	7.50
Telephone	50.00
Postage	35.50

253.82

Elections and Registrations

Salaries and Wages:

Julia A. Barry	150.00
Grace C. Cullinane	150.00
James B. Wilson	150.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, Clerk	50.00

Payrolls—elections and meetings	266.40
Posting Warrants and Notifying Officers Elected	50.00
Other Wages	16.75

833.15

Expenses:

Printing Warrants, Voting Lists, Books and Ballots	392.05
Rentals for Voting	30.00
Amplifier System — Town Meeting	35.00

457.05

Buildings and Grounds

Salaries and Wages:

Custodial Services	1,481.00
Care of Grounds	410.36
Payrolls—Highway Dept.	357.25

2,248.61

Expenses:

Heat	707.49
Light	430.33
Telephone	350.25
Chairs	294.51
Building maintenance	1,876.55
Oil Burner	260.00
Maintenance Supplies	255.96

4,175.09

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Salaries and Wages:

Michael Foley, Chief	4,081.00
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Regular Officers	8,696.42
Special Officers	801.08

13,578.50

Expenses:

Police Cruiser

Gas and Oil	1,183.77
Repairs	319.92
Lettering	20.00
Insurance	23.52

1,547.21

Other

Telephone	384.41
Radio Service	143.10
Chiefs Meetings	28.50
Association Dues	10.00
Uniforms	307.60
Stationery and Printing	64.38
Flashlights and batteries	37.79
Sundry	21.90

997.68

Police Cruiser

Great Road Garage	575.00
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Traffic Zone Signs

State Prison, signs	485.00
Express	7.29
N. E. Fence Co.	63.00

555.29

Fire Department

Salaries and Wages:

H. S. MacGregor, Chief	500.00
Annual Salaries	789.50
Payrolls, fires	5,506.78
Payrolls, Janitors	720.00

7,516.28

Expenses:

Fuel	714.38
Lights	243.10
Telephone	679.07
Gas and oil	327.87
Association Dues and Meetings .	152.16
Towel Service	11.00
Water	75.00
Repairs and parts for equip- ment	1,050.90
Extinguisher maintenance	69.45
Stationery and Printing	46.00
Hose	559.68
Uniforms and protective clothing	132.95
Sundry	322.98

4,384.54

Fire Alarm System Maintenance

F. W. Rimbach	3,180.00
Other Services	312.98
Expense	792.73

4,285.71

Radios and Alternators

Farrar and Co.	1,820.72
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Painting West Fire House

Fullonton and Decker	425.00
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Fire Alarm System Extension

L. W. Bills	1,790.00
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Fire Hydrant Rental

Acton Water District	4,400.00
Town of Concord	230.00

4,630.00

Moth Department

Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt.	762.50
Payrolls	726.20

1,488.70

Expenses:

Truck	493.50
Gas and oil	107.39
Equipment repairs	25.05
Insecticide	332.00
Brewer Tree Expert Co.	210.00
Sundry	47.08

1,215.02

Dutch Elm Disease

Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt.	35.00
Payrolls	78.80

113.80

Expenses:

Truck	21.00
Fred Ralston & Co.	420.00

441.00

Tree Department

Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt.	585.90
Payrolls	860.20

1,446.10

Expenses:

Truck	652.50
Gas and oil	16.22
Repairs and parts for equipment	117.57

Equipment Rental	130.00	
Sundry	89.03	
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		1,005.32

Replacement of Shade Trees

Franklin Charter, Supt.	10.80	
Payrolls	30.80	
Truck	6.00	
Trees and Fertilizer	178.95	
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		226.55

Eradication of Poison Ivy

Charter Tree Service	998.75
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Mist Blower

Abbott Spray and Farm Equipment Co.	1,719.90
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Salary:	
A. Perry Marble	250.00
Expenses:	
Books, seals, etc.	40.20

Wire Inspector

Salary and Travel:	
B. D. Goss	650.00
Expenses:	
Postage, telephone, etc.	50.00

Dog Officer

Arthur Fraser	203.00	
Fraser Kennels, keeping and destroying 38 dogs	247.00	
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		450.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Salaries and Wages:

Dr. Orma L. Clark, Chairman .	25.00
Herbert Leusher	15.00
Martin Duggan	10.00
Eileen Hale, Town Nurse	2,880.00
Hazel Vose, Substitute Nurse ..	646.50
Town Dump payroll	2,602.37
Edward J. Higgins, Agent	323.00
Francis B. Whouley, Agent	25.25
Francis B. Whouley, Inspector .	211.75

6,738.87

Expenses:

Board Members	200.28
Nurse	660.00
Agent	448.25
Inspector	330.14
Dump	1,004.30
State Sanatorium	1,785.18
Medical Supplies	261.45
Clinic	142.62

4,832.22

Haynes Memorial Hospital —

Special Article

1,340.10

Garbage Disposal

Henry Anderson, Contract	2,200.00
Administration Expense	83.70

2,283.70

Inspector of Animals

Salary:

Arno H. Perkins	150.00
Expense, Sundry	23.62

173.62

HIGHWAYS

Village

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	549.25
Payrolls	1,613.40

Expenses:

Trucks	216.00
Cold Patch	67.93
Granite Boundary Markers ...	150.00
Insecticide	58.60
Oil	67.86
Supplies and tools	237.26
Sundry	38.42

2,998.72

Chapter 81

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	2,334.75
Payrolls	8,216.25

Expenses:

Trucks	837.60
Rental of Machinery	5,480.72
Cold Patch and Asphalt	4,968.59
Stone, sand and gravel	1,237.55
Calcium chloride	120.00
Cement and lumber	209.92
Cable guard and Posts	431.00
Brushkiller	43.40
Asphalt coated perforated bands	307.97
Catch Basin	36.18

24,223.93

Chapter 90, Maintenance

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	63.00
Payrolls	183.60

Expenses:

Trucks	74.73
Rental of Machinery	178.15
Cold Patch and Asphalt	2,159.16
Stone, sand, and gravel	340.25

2,998.89
Chapter 90, Construction**Wages:**

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	502.25
Payrolls	1,627.36

Expenses:

Trucks	172.20
Rental of Machinery	2,696.25
Cold Patch and Asphalt	4,330.67
Stone, sand, and gravel	1,811.82
Guard Rail and Posts	858.20

11,998.75
Highway Department Vacations

Payrolls	657.60
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Signs and Lines

Painting Lines	212.00
Signs	165.68

377.68
Snow Removal**Wages:**

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	813.75
Payrolls	2,343.75

Expenses:

Trucks	1,307.45
Sander	1,221.50
Plowing	2,187.25
Sand	589.48
Salt	1,210.00
Gas and oil	196.13
Forecast Service	150.00
Parts and repairs on equipment .	949.55

10,968.86

Road Machinery

Gas and oil	605.72
Parts and repairs on equipment	1,121.05
Sundry	138.50

1,865.27

Highway Department Truck

International Harvester Co. ...	6,338.24
Spare wheel, etc.	155.69

6,493.93

Street Lighting

Boston Edison Co.	6,001.22
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Sand Spreader

Sandberg Equipment Co.	1,372.00
Accessories	86.09

1,458.09

Granite Marker Restoration

Acton Monumental Co.	88.50
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CHARITIES

Public Welfare

General Relief:

Cash	1,103.94
Medicine and Hospital	89.00
Funeral assistance	50.00

1,242.94

Administration

Nashoba Public Welfare District ...	800.00
Acton Board Salaries:	
Walter Stevens	85.41
A. Perry Marble	75.00
Lossie E. Laird	114.59

Expense:		
Postage	15.00	
	<hr/>	1,490.00

Old Age Assistance

Town Funds:		
Cash aid to individuals	41,000.00	
Federal Grant:		
Cash aid to individuals	16,091.03	
Aid by other communities	2,660.11	
	<hr/>	59,751.14

Aid to Dependent Children

Cash aid to individuals —		
Town Funds	5,000.00	
Federal Grant	1,571.25	
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Disability Assistance

Cash aid to individuals —		
Town Funds	3,500.00	
Federal Grant	560.42	
	<hr/>	4,060.42

VETERANS' AID

Veterans' Benefits

Salary:		
Edward J. Higgins, Agent		150.00
Administrative:		
Travel, expense, postage, and telephone		149.50
Cash Aid to Veterans		4,360.00

VETERANS' SERVICES

Salaries and Wages:		
Theron A. Lowden, Director ..	735.00	
Geraldene Prentiss, Clerk	71.50	
	<hr/>	806.50
Expense—Sundry		6.00

EDUCATION

Instruction	112,854.00
Textbooks and Supplies	6,779.73
Plant operation	22,547.18
Maintenance	990.25
Auxiliary agencies	10,303.49
General Control	8,664.47
Outlay	1,703.62
Contingency fund	471.38

164,314.12

School lunches	5,074.64
Athletics	1,781.37
Lighting Fixtures, West School	795.37
Vocational tuition	1,485.38
Nagog Regional School District	22,668.00
Elementary School Building ...	210,537.01
School land purchase	2,350.00
Blanchard Auditorium land	
purchase	120.00
Sewage Disposal	3,686.00
Blanchard Auditorium and	
Gymnasium Building	116,514.77
Transportation—Special Article	2,675.00
Regional School District	
Planning Committee	226.59

LIBRARIES

Salaries and Wages:

Librarians:

Mary H. Lothrop	894.00
Marian L. Piper	46.00
Edith A. Hopkinson	188.00
Barbara Nylander	17.50
Ina Milbery	30.00
Custodial services	374.50

1,550.00

Expenses:

Heat	460.40
Light	115.03
Water	25.00
Stationery and printing	134.48
Equipment and maintenance ..	180.44
Insurance	36.95
Sundry items	30.76

 983.06
Library Books

Books and magazines	897.90
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Redecoration of Memorial Library

Fullonton and Decker	375.00
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CEMETERIES**Salaries and Wages:**

Frederick S. Kennedy, Supt. ...	3,180.00
Payrolls	5,302.20

 8,482.20
Expenses:

Fuel oil and heater service	221.52
Lights	39.44
Repairs to equipment	133.09
Seed, fertilizer, etc.	170.87
Gas and oil	63.97
Water	93.27
Hardware, pipe, paint, etc.	254.73
Lime, lumber and cement	120.14
Printing and stationery	34.25
Trucking	573.00
Flowers	36.25
Wiring outlets in Chapel	100.00
New equipment	234.13
Sundry items	222.66

 2,297.32

Air Compressor

Dawson-MacDonald Co.	1,000.00
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Mt. Hope Oiling

Asphalt and sand	415.01
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Woodlawn Clearing and Grading

Payrolls	455.60
Equipment rental	668.80
Sand	180.00
Sundry expense	137.55

1,441.95

Perpetual Care

Payrolls	524.30
Flowers	59.55
Fertilizer, loam and seed	128.00

711.85

Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund

Payrolls	684.60
Mower	179.95
Asphalt	259.06
Sand and gravel	108.75
Peat moss, fertilizer and loam .	186.15
Landscape work	157.90
Sundry expense	154.82

1,731.23

Private Trust Funds

J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	117.92
Raymond Fund	20.42
Georgia Whitney Fund	11.40

149.74

RECREATION

Playgrounds

F. W. Rimbach, Supt.	1.00
Payrolls	390.06
Gas and oil	61.40
Water	25.00
Salt and lime	19.10
Repairs and parts on equipment	101.87
Sundry	12.83

611.26

Water Safety

Laffin's Garage	450.00
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Maturing Debt and Interest

High School Addition loan	1,000.00
Elementary School loan	15,000.00
Interest	5,875.00

21,875.00

Unclassified

Delivering Town Reports	20.00
Delivering Zoning Reports	77.15
Delivering Meeting Warrants .	144.27
Advertising	69.60
Burglary Insurance	75.00
Planning Board By-laws	18.75
Plaque for Hayward	43.35
Legal Expense	63.35
Special Town Meeting expense .	75.00

586.47

Civil Defense

Communication equipment and service	28.50
Blood Typing program	16.50
Worcester emergency	57.66

102.66

Town Counsel

Albert W. Wunderly	410.00
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Town Reports

Concord Press, Inc.	1,316.00
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Surety Bonds

Treasurer	198.00
Collector	389.75
Town Clerk	7.50

595.25

Insurance

Fire Companies	385.25
Workmens Compensation	1,598.52
Town Buildings	1,922.62
Officer and Employee Insurance	967.27

4 823.66

1952 Unpaid Bills

General Relief	58.90
Old Age Assistance	455.60
Town Clerk, Salary	144.50
Town Clerk, Expense	44.23
Elections and Registrations, Salaries	50.00

753.23

Memorial Day

23rd Infantry Band	225.00
Flowers and Wreaths	157.40
Refreshments	28.67
Flags	64.80
Buses	45.00

520.87

Planning Board

Maps	152.00
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Clerical payroll	33.00	
	<hr/>	185.00

Zoning Committee

Map work	150.40	
Duplicating paper	26.64	
Sundry	10.70	
	<hr/>	187.74

Town Forest Committee

Surveying	80.00
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Town Forest—Cutting Brush

Franklin Charter, Supt.	15.00	
Payrolls	56.40	
	<hr/>	71.40

Pension and Military Service Fund

Middlesex County Retirement System	2,029.50
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No Appropriation Accounts

Withholding Taxes	26,652.30
Massachusetts Hospital Service	2,874.30
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	5,588.42
Middlesex County Retirement .	3,257.63
Middlesex County Dog Licenses	1,022.80
Middlesex County Tax	10,880.89
Middlesex County Hospital Assessment	3,682.42
State Audit	1,925.61
State Parks	537.63
Refunds on Taxes	3,232.78
Trust Accounts	1,897.00
Interest on Trust Funds	6,286.19
Trust Fund Expenditures	1,611.49

Premium Received on Elementary School Bonds .	50.00
Total Disbursements	893,774.19
Cash Balance, December 31, 1952	359,235.46
	<u>\$1,253,009.65</u>

Reserve Fund Transfers

Moderator	30.00
Fire Department, Salaries and Wages	1,350.00
Fire Department, Expense	41.54
Police Department, Salaries and Wages	175.00
Board of Health, Board Members Expense	100.00
Board of Health, Inspector of Milk and Food, Salary	65.00
Board of Health, Inspector of Milk and Food, Expense ..	85.00
Board of Health, Agent, Salary .	150.00
Board of Health, Town Nurse Salary	15.00
Board of Health, Substitute Nurse	450.00
Board of Health, Medical Supplies	150.00
Board of Health, Dump Salaries	752.37
Board of Health, Dump Expense	405.00
Board of Health, Garbage Collections	50.00
Town Collector, Salaries	200.00
Town Collector, Expense	200.00
Treasurer, Expense	154.85
Protection for members of Vol- unteer Fire Cos. (Art. 17) .	35.25

Radios and Alternators	
Fire Dept. (Art. 26)	170.72
Elections and Registrations,	
Salaries and Wages	53.15
Moth Department, Expense ...	15.02
Tree Department, Expense ...	5.32
Library, Expense	3.06
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	4,656.28
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Road Machinery Fund

Balance, January 1, 1953	9,101.63
Received from rentals	4,980.58
Unexpended balance, Road	
Machinery Account	634.73
Unexpended balance, Highway	
Dept. Truck Account	6.07
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	14,723.01
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Transferred to Road	
Machinery Account	2,500.00
Transferred to Highway Dept.	
Truck Account	6,500.00
Balance, December 31, 1953 ...	5,723.01
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	14,723.01
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Cemetery Land Fund

Balance, January 1, 1953	2,510.35
Received from sale of lots	170.00
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	2,680.35
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Transferred to Woodlawn	
Clearing and Grading	1,500.00
Balance, December 31, 1953 ...	1,180.35
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	2,680.35
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BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		\$359,235.46
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1948		
Real Estate	\$ 31.20	
Personal Property	267.07	
Poll	4.00	
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	\$ 302.27	
Levy of 1949		
Real Estate	130.66	
Personal Property	300.80	
Poll	12.00	
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	443.46	
Levy of 1950		
Real Estate	421.28	
Personal Property	336.52	
Poll	14.00	
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	771.80	
Levy of 1951		
Real Estate	317.46	
Personal Property	763.75	
Poll	24.00	
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	1,105.21	
Levy of 1952		
Real Estate	8,066.63	
Personal Property	791.35	
Poll	18.00	
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	8,875.98	
Levy of 1953		
Real Estate	20,237.66	
Personal Property	2,713.01	
Poll	190.00	
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	23,140.67	
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		34,639.39

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1953

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions	\$ 630.91
Tailings-Reserve for unclaimed checks .	144.81
Road Machinery Fund	5,723.01
Cemetery Land Fund	1,180.35
County Dog Licenses	5.40
Fire Apparatus Depreciation Fund	5,000.00
School Lunch Fund	1,803.10
High School Athletic Fund	475.86

Appropriation and Transfer Balances:

Highway Culverts	\$ 4,000.00
Granite Marker Restoration	411.50
Laurel Court	69.14
Sand Spreader Body	41.91
Elementary School Building	15,306.64
Blanchard Auditorium-Gymnasium Building	191,410.23
School Land Purchase	12,650.00
Auditorium-Gymnasium Land Pur- chase	9,413.75
Sewage Disposal	314.00
Mt. Hope Cemetery—Oiling	34.07
Mt. Hope Cemetery—Clearing and Grading	500.00
Woodlawn Cemetery—Clearing and Grading	1,058.05
Skating Rink	500.00
Surface Drainage	1,000.00
Zoning Committee	312.26
Civil Defense	1,738.08
Town Forest — Cutting Brush	281.42
Town Forest Committee	420.00

 239,461.05

Trust Fund Income Transfer Balances:

Cemetery—Perpetual Care	457.67
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	347.53
Hosmer Fund	345.99
Henry S. Raymond Fund	38.03
Georgia Whitney Fund	53.88
Library—Wilde Memorial Fund	6.65

 949.75

Motor Vehicle Excise

Levy of 1947	17.78
Levy of 1948	156.29
Levy of 1949	719.62
Levy of 1950	601.87
Levy of 1951	1,108.41
Levy of 1952	1,484.49
Levy of 1953	4,622.49

8,710.95

Tax Titles	79.37
Tax Title Possessions	400.19

479.56

Departmental:

School	191.08
Veteran's Benefits	285.00
Old Age Assistance	365.57
Aid to Dependent Children	701.66
Cemetery	195.00
Highway	84.00

1,822.31

Other:

Ethel A. Davis, Former Collector and
/or Boston Insurance Co.

1,319.34

Aid to Highways:

County	3,000.00
State	7,061.71

10,061.71

Under Estimates—1953:

County Hospital Assessment	263.13
State Parks	173.80

436.93

\$416,705.65

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$379,000.00

Over Estimate 1953—County Tax	302.61
Old Age Assistance Recovery	3,751.59
Federal Grants:	
Old Age Assistance:	
Administration	132.27
Assistance	7,431.91
Aid to Dependent Children:	
Administration	161.56
Assistance	2,139.41
Disability Assistance:	
Administration	1.34
Assistance	1,783.54
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	11,650.03
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	6,409.52
Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:	
Levy of 1948	302.27
Levy of 1949	443.46
Levy of 1950	771.80
Levy of 1951	1,105.21
Levy of 1952	900.48
Levy of 1953	5,987.08
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	9,510.30
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	8,710.95
Tax Title and Tax Possession	479.56
Departmental	1,822.31
Aid to Highways	10,061.71
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	21,074.53
Surplus Revenue	108,632.83
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	\$416,705.65
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DEBT ACCOUNTS

High School Addition Loan	\$ 4,000.00
Elementary School Loan	275,000.00
Blanchard Auditorium Notes	100,000.00
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	\$379,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Treasurer:

Henry S. Raymond Cemetery Fund ..	833.70
Henry S. Raymond Monument Fund .	2,238.26
Charlotte Conant School Library Fund	1,547.16
J. Roland Wetherbee Cemetery Fund .	10,613.45
Hoit and Scott Cemetery Fund	565.58
Elizabeth White Charity Fund	27,046.78
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund ...	14,898.09
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	17,138.54
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund ..	809.75
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	6,154.97
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	66,763.49
Cemetery Surplus Fund	215.63
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,585.55
Frank C. Hayward Cemetery Fund ..	1,131.13
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund .	1,640.66
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery Fund	85,635.83
Betsy Ball Charity Fund	11,012.96

\$249,831.53

In Custody of Trustees:

In Charlotte Goodnow Fund	3,465.54
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\$253,297.07

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In custody of Town Treasurer	\$249,881.58
In custody of Trustees	3,465.54
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\$253,297.07

Respectfully submitted

DONALD O. NYLANDER,

Town Accountant

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1953. The Department removed 143 trees of all species this year. Low or dangerous limbs were removed along the town roads.

The Department planted 36 Maple and Linden trees along the town ways.

The poison ivy around the public buildings and along the town roads was sprayed again this year. This work has reduced the amount of Ivy to a point where it is now possible to cover most of the streets every year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER,

Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year the cemetery department has received and paid into the treasury the sum of \$1,423.00 which can be found itemized in the town treasurer's report. Also in the town collector's report you will find the sum of \$679.50 collected for the annual care of lots, which is credited to the cemetery department receipts.

There has been added to the perpetual care account the past year, in new and additional accounts, the sum of \$1,625.00.

A section of land in the new section of Woodlawn Cemetery, has been cleared of the trees and the stumps and the stone walls removed, also the roads for this section have been laid out and filled in with gravel. The remaining cleared area has been semi-graded in preparation for the final grading and the seeding down with grass seed in the spring.

We plan to clear a section of land in Mt. Hope Cemetery this spring so that additional lots can be made available in that cemetery this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY L. HARRIS
HOWARD F. JONES
HARRY E. HOLT
Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carl A. Christofferson, Chairman

Alden C. Flagg, Sr.	Florence A. Merriam
Wilfred W. Forbes, M.D.	Mrs. Edward W. Moore
Eugene L. Hall	Mrs. Marion C. Reed
Frederick T. Heyliger	Mrs. David W. Thompson

Librarians

Mary Lothrop	Memorial Library
Marian L. Piper, Assisitant	Memorial Library
Edith Hopkinson	West Acton Branch

Custodian

Glenn Pasanen

Early in the year, Boxboro lost its Library and contents by fire, and we are proud that we were among the first to offer help. We gave them several hundred duplicate or surplus books and rejoice that so many other Towns later responded to their needs.

At about the same time, we lost by death, Arthur F. Davis, who had been Librarian here for forty-three years and was a Trustee at the time of his passing.

In March, South Acton Cub Den No. 2 (12 boys and 2 leaders) called by appointment, so that they might see the Library and its contents, listen and talk without interruption. As usual, the boys riveted their attention on the guns. Mrs. Nordberg and Mrs. Jarvi expressed appreciation, and the boys behaved beautifully.

In May, the State Certificate Honor Winners held the usual party at the Woman's Club to whom we send our thanks. Also, our gratitude goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Allen and their son Charles of Concord, who showed us fine pictures. Mr. Allen said he had sufficient thanks when one child laughed so hard that he fell out of his seat.

The paint job and re-arrangement of the furniture have met with much approval on all sides. Many of our treasures are still packed away, to be brought out and suitably placed when there is sufficient room and protection.

Mrs. Edward Moore gave us andirons for the fire-place and the public comments favorably on the home atmosphere. With the excellent care which Glenn Pasanen takes of the building, it looks as if it were renovated just yesterday.

We are grateful to all our friends who have helped in various ways. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Olsen exhibited a fine collection of military buttons. Mr. Olsen repaired a Leather Hat that was used in the War of 1812. Also, he and Professor Phalen and Mr. Christoffersen helped us discard outmoded books, each in his own line. It was a tremendous help to those who had discarded general subjects through the winter.

Especial gratitude and deep appreciation go to all Trustees and their families, and friends in general, who gave a lift during our period of rapid growth. When the growth was established, the Trustees appointed Mrs. Ralph W. Piper as Assistant Librarian. The Librarian thanks every one for his consideration, particularly since few realize until told, that the return and issuance of books is a small part of the job. There is cataloguing, buying, putting away and mending, and every two weeks twenty or thirty books are selected, stamped and listed and taken to the West Branch. The hardest part is to find books which they have not already had. Newcomers and beginners need help in finding what is desired. We are always glad of constructive criticism. The esprit de corps is 100 percent, and the success of the year just over is due partly to that and partly to the growth of the town.

All non-fiction is being re-indexed according to the most recent Classification of the Dewey Decimal system. Consequently, the card catalogue system is being re-made entirely and cross-indexing is being introduced. Plans have been made for concentrating all Juvenile material in the Reading Room for the children. This will free some shelf space in the main stack room for adult accessions. We contemplate creating shelves on the main floor for the display of books displaced by new acquisitions but too recent to be shelved in their final homes. We feel it is a help to keep Mysteries in one section and Westerns in another.

The great increase of persons coming and going about the old-fashioned counter-style desk, with its inconvenient approach through the Children's Room, has led to difficulty in the receiving and issuing of books, and great awkwardness in traffic. To remove this confusion and smooth out the problems of the Librarian and the public both, the Trustees wish to have removed the present counter-desk, and, to serve in its place, install a modern semi-circular library desk which will face the Library entrance, and lie against the wall facing the entrance. This will open up a free passage to the whole floor, speed up the handling of books, and

ultimately, (when the current Re-cataloguing of non-fiction has been completed) make available for use by the public, the card catalogue.

To look ahead, it is clear that the Library is going to have to be enlarged in proportion to its greater use by the enlarging population. There is virtually no room for further shelf space for new accessions. This problem has been stayed temporarily by the recent review of each individual book in the Library from the standpoint of being useful and up-to-date and the disposal of all found to be obsolete or outmoded. While such evaluation will always be maintained, there will not again be any substantial gain of shelf space as a result.

Also, the Library owns objects of Historical interest which call for display, and which are now stored in order to make shelf space for books. With adequate room, the Library could exhibit these objects, and would encourage the display of similar objects on a loan basis. The Library logically could and would serve as a means of satisfying interest in local history by such displays.

Therefore, if we are to continue adequately to serve the increasing needs of the Town, it will become necessary some time in the near future to consider extra facilities both in personnel and in space for work and storage.

Accession—Number of volumes in Library January 1,	
1953	21,119
Increase by purchase	263
Increase by gift	347
Withdrawn from circulation	2,153
Number of volumes January 1, 1954	19,576
Circulation—Number of days Library was open	149
Number of volumes circulated	23,215
Largest daily circulation (November 14)	454
Smallest daily circulation (June 17)	52
Daily average	plus 155

The circulation shows a gain of 2,115 over the best year we ever had which was 21,100 in 1951; and a gain of 2,369 over 1952.

The Circulation break-down is as follows:

Fiction 11,292, Juvenile 8,565, Non-Fiction 3,358

We attribute this gain in part to the many new people coming in, at the rate of several each week, or one or two each day. We are happy to have them find what they like and will continue to try to supply the right material.

The Library acknowledges with gratitude, gifts from the following:

Books

Miss Corinne Smith 1; Mrs. Belle Libby Hinckley, 14 and magazines; Mrs. Mildred Pope Moore, 90 and magazines; Combat Forces Press 1, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Olsen 2, Mr. and Mrs. Safford Sweatt 6; Elizabeth Condon 1; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darling 7; Stanford War Library 1; Susan Collins 12; William Flagg 27; Mrs. Robert Colby 1; Dr. and Mrs. Forbes 51; Mr. and Mrs. John Kimball 36; Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. MacPherson 40; Commonwealth of Massachusetts 8; Miss Romona Davis 6; Acton Cub Scouts 3; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Collins 2; Mr. and Mrs. John Pederson 1; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Roth 7; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hartwell 1; Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Clark 10; Mrs. Laura Forbes 1; Roberta Davis 1; Marion Willett 8; Miss Jessie Knowlton 1; Caroline Pfeiffer 2; Mary Lothrop 1; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christofferson 1; Theodore Steinway 1; Lois Hall 3; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Firth 3; Mr. and Mrs. McGarigle magazines and Walter B. Stevens magazines.

Financial Receipts

Fines	\$196.38
Miscellaneous	12.50
Books sold	14.41
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Total	\$223.29

MARY LOTHROP,
Librarian

REPORT OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION

The Middlesex County Extension Service is a publicly supported, educational institution to serve all the towns of the county in agriculture and home economics. In agriculture the work is developed county-wide under the direction of county councils made up of leading farmers in each of the main commodities as vegetables, fruit, poultry, dairying, livestock, and commercial flowers. A County Bulletin is mailed monthly to all cooperating farmers and timely information sent to anyone on request.

4-H Club Work is developed under a town committee and leaders, and the home economics work is available through a town director, organized groups, or direct requests. Your town director furnishes counsel to the Extension Office on the needs of the towns, services desired, or leadership needed.

Information and assistance were made available on the planning and operation of a poultry farm or enterprise covering the subjects of poultry housing and equipment, ventilation and litter management, brooding and rearing, marketing and management for egg production.

Specialized information on turkey and poultry health was made available through the 1953 Middlesex Flock Health Program. F. Wendell Putnam, Jr., served as a member of the Extension Poultry Advisory Committee, and as President of the Middlesex County Poultry Association which holds monthly meetings in cooperation with the Extension Service in the Acton Town Hall. Mr. Putnam also participated in the 1953 Middlesex Flock Health Program.

The Middlesex County Extension Service renders many services to the dairymen in this area. There are, in the county, herd testing facilities which include complete herd records, pasture, hay, and silage production programs which aim at producing more and better roughage at a lower cost,

and a soil testing laboratory where a complete analysis can be run to determine needed soil nutrients. Also, on application for membership, any dairyman has access to one of the best bull studs in the northeast for use in his own herd through the artificial breeding program.

Mr. Walter Liebfried has been leader in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the county.

Local fruit growers have been interested in the general services rendered by the Extension Service especially in the general program carried on in pest control and marketing.

Among the projects developed of interest to home makers have been Clothing and "Christmas Everywhere".

A 4-H Town Committee was organized under the leadership of Mr. John Duston and Mr. C. W. Benson. Clubs have been organized in gardening, poultry, dairy, and foods.

Caroline Livermore was chosen to attend the State 4-H Club Week in Amherst and also was awarded a two-day trip to Boston as county winner in Poultry Club work.

Leaders in 4-H Club Work have been Mrs. Ingolf Hope, Mrs. Norman McIntosh, Mr. John Duston, Mr. C. William Benson, Mr. Fred Heyliger, and Miss Caroline Livermore.

Respectfully submitted,

HARLAN E. TUTTLE ,

Town Director

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Board of Health herewith submits its report for the year 1953, together with the report of its Agent, Town and School Nurse, Inspector of Food and Milk, Inspector of Sanitation, Inspector of Slaughtering, and a general report on the health problems of the Town as they were encountered during the year.

Again as in past years the Board includes in its report all of the necessary information pertaining to plans for the future health protection of the Town as a whole. It is necessary sometimes to include a National and State health picture to impress you with the necessity of the extent to which we must go for the information we use in local health problems. As in the case of Polio or its many types, National information is obtained from the many letters and information folders, supplies are furnished by the State, and District Health Offices. The local Health Official must know how to obtain this information and the supplies and be here to see that they are properly disbursed when they arrive. Several times during 1953 this has been demonstrated.

In the report on Diseases Dangerous to Public Health we again insist that ALL cases be reported to either the Board of Health Agent or one of the Board members. Again the National and State health picture is effected as the reports from your local Board of Health are sent to both the Health District and the State Health Department who, in turn, report to the Federal Health Department. These agencies then compile these reports for National information and research. During 1953 many cases have been known to exist that were never reported. If the Doctor is called to attend a person for a known disease it is the Doctor's responsibility to report to the Board of Health. If no Doctor has been called it is then the responsibility of the parents or someone in the home to inform the Board of Health.

We have one patient in the State Sanitorium in Waltham. This patient has been there for more than a year. We never know from one day to another when we will be called on to take care of others. The fund provided to this is subsidized by the State and returns are made to the Town Treasurer during the first quarter of each year.

With the many new homes and increased population in the Town of Acton together with the added expense of disposing of garbage collected in the Town, a great deal of time and energy has been exerted during the past year toward a more uniform schedule of collecting and disposing of the garbage. Many homes in Acton, in the past, have not required that their garbage be collected as they had other ways of disposing of it but, with the new State regulation requiring that garbage be cooked prior to its being fed to pigs, increasing demands that it be collected have been made on the contractor.

We have had a considerable increase in the work load at the Town Dump due, in part, to the many new industries which have been dumping several truckloads of refuse every day with the exception of Sunday. The Townspeople have requested that the Dump remain open on Sunday as it is the only day many of them can dispose of their refuse. Formerly it was only necessary to keep the Dump open 3 days a week but with the many new users it has become necessary to remain open the entire week. It will be noticed that a barrier has been made at the deep end of the Dump to prevent accident to anyone backing too close to the edge. It is requested that anyone disposing of refuse please confine it to the right side of the dump as you enter.

There have been two licenses issued for child centers or kindergartens in the town. The State Health District requires that these be licensed and reported as state supervision is required in these cases.

With the increase in homes being built in the Town closer supervision of the installation of septic tanks and cess-pools are necessary. Also, with the Zoning of Acton increased problems of Health protection have been rising and only by the cooperation of the Citizens of the Town can a

maximum program of Public Health protection be attained. Report ALL cases of Dangerous Diseases, report any Health problems that may be noticed; watch the children swimming during the summer as children will swim anywhere that water might be deep enough, making sure that no discoloration exists in the water. If children's eyes become inflamed or if any unusual incident looks as if it might be a Health problem, report it, and an investigation will be made by either the Agent or a member of the Board of Health.

Your Board of Health has been working for the sound Health protection of the people of the Town of Acton and they will continue to work to make this Town as free of Health problems as possible. Meetings are held almost daily in the interest of better Health conditions. State and District Health officials have met with Dr. O. L. Clark, Chairman of the Board, in his office on new and constantly changing Health Laws. With every change or new Law it becomes necessary to work out a plan whereby, if it applies to the Town of Acton, steps will be taken to put in in force.

Respectfully submitted,

ORMA L. CLARK, M.D., Chairman
MARTIN J. DUGGAN
HERBERT L. LEUSHER
EDWARD J. HIGGINS, Agent
Board of Health

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

To the Board of Health:

There were thirty five cases of contagious diseases which are dangerous to the public health reported during the year 1953.

Cases reported:

Chicken-pox	4
German Measles	2
Measles	3
Mumps	4
Scarlatina	1
Meningitis	2
Influenza	3
Dog Bite	8
Malaria	2
Septic sore throat	3
Tuberculosis	3
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There were thirty-five deaths reported for which burial permits were issued during the year.

Died in Acton	32
Died elsewhere	3
Buried in Acton	15
Buried elsewhere	20

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,

Agent

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

My report for the year ending December 31, 1953 is as follows:

Number of visits	1396
Amount received	\$641.00
January to December 1953	
Number of paid calls	725
Other calls: Welfare, follow-up calls on school children, pre-natal and post- natal calls.	
Persons taken or sent for	
Chest X-rays	21
T. B. Patients and contacts	28
Night and off hour calls	14

I would like to state at this time for the benefit of all the new residents of Acton, that anyone may call the Town Nurse. The telephone number is 3-4393. The hours — before 8:30 A.M. 12:30 to 1:00 P.M. or after 5:00 P.M. The High School Office may be contacted at any other time.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN F. HALE, R.N.

Town Nurse

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health

Acton, Mass.

Only one case of slaughtering was reported in Acton during the year, for which a report was made. It was for home consumption.

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF MILK AND FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health
Acton, Mass.

The following is the report of the Milk and Food Inspector, for 1953.

Total Calls made:

Dairy and Goat Barns	24
Milk Checks	11
Restaurants and Stores	36
State Visits and Conferences	9
Complaints	31

During the year it was necessary to attend several Meetings on the regulations and pasteurization of Milk. In most instances this is accomplished by the State Department of Public Health, where Milk samples are taken at the Dairy and tested. Food in Restaurants and other Eating establishments were inspected at Regular intervals.

It was with regret that due to health conditions on my part, I found it necessary to tender my resignation to the Board of Health, at a meeting in December, 1953 and it was accepted.

Having at one time been a member of the Board of Health, I wish to thank the members for their splendid cooperation, for which I am sure it helped during the past few years that I have been associated with them as the Inspector of Food and Milk. As is known to most people I not only functioned as Milk and Food Inspector, but in any capacity that the Board needed assistance. Several times when I was available for meetings that other members or the Agent was otherwise occupied I would fill in, and report my findings.

FRANCIS B. WHOULEY,
Milk and Food Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SANITATION

To the Board of Health
Acton, Mass.

One hundred ninety-nine complaints were acted on during the year, as follows:

Inspection of septic tanks and cess pools	77
Complaints of overflowing—running into streams and creeks and others concerning water tests and such	104
Swimming places tested and inspected	11
Homes and surroundings inspected on complaints	3
Complaints on keeping of pig and other animals	4
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	199

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Sanitary Inspector

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the Board of Public Welfare for the year 1953.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: The year opened with 65 recipients within this group and closed with 60. There were 8 deaths during the year, 2 persons were transferred to other towns and 1 withdrew voluntarily from the payroll. During the same period 6 new applications were approved by our Board.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN: 6 families having a total of 14 children have been receiving aid during the year. Our present caseload is 5 families with 9 children. The medical expenditure within this category has been unusually low during the year 1953.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE: This is a comparatively new form of Public Assistance rendered needy persons over 18 years of age who are totally and permanently disabled. We have aided 5 persons during the year, one of whom died and a new application was approved.

GENERAL RELIEF: Aid under this category is drawn from town funds exclusively and given entirely at the discretion of the Board of Public Welfare. Regular monthly grants have been rendered to 2 persons and additional funds have been expended on emergencies for medically indigent residents of our town.

The ADMINISTRATION of the various categories of Public Assistance has been handled through the Nashoba Public Welfare District with the office located at the Town Hall, Bedford. Mrs. Anna Coombs of Carlisle has served as Agent and Mrs. Kathryn VanZandt of Bedford is Secretary at present. The Federal and State participation in the cost of administration covers eighty-three and one-third per cent and the local shares are divided between the three towns according to the caseload, viz:

Acton	60%
Bedford	25%
Carlisle	15%

The following is a detailed analysis of the expenditures for 1953 and the estimated expenditures for 1954:

Old Age Assistance

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$59,479.03
Amount Paid Acton Residents	\$57,060.33
Amount Paid to Other Towns	2,418.70
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	\$59,479.03

Federal Participation	\$24,223.67	
State Participation	23,395.49	
Reimbursements From Other Towns .	1,251.39	
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		\$48,870.55

NET COST TO TOWN OF ACTON ... \$10,608.48

Aid To Dependent Children

TOTAL EXPENDITURE		6,571.25
Federal Participation	\$ 2,942.76	
State Participation	2,191.42	
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		\$ 5,134.18

NET COST TO TOWN OF ACTON ... \$ 1,437.07

Disability Assistance

TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$ 4,060.42
Federal Participation	1,632.71	
State Participation	1,412.36	
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		3,045.07

NET COST TO TOWN OF ACTON ... \$ 1,015.35

General Relief

Regular Grants	1,103.94	
Extra Grants	197.90	
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NET COST TO TOWN OF ACTON ...		\$ 1,301.84

Administration

TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF NASHOBA DISTRICT		\$ 6,823.47
Federal Participation	\$ 2,911.71	
State Participation	2,275.65	
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NET COST TO TOWN OF ACTON ...		\$ 800.00

**Recoveries from Liens Placed on Properties of Old Age
Assistance Recipients**

TOTAL REFUND		\$ 3,377.84
Federal Share	\$ 783.07	
State Share	1,729.84	
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		\$ 2,512.91
NET REFUND FOR TOWN OF		
ACTON		\$ 864.93

Estimated Expenditures for 1954

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	\$41,000:-
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	\$ 5,000:-
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE	\$ 3,500:-
GENERAL RELIEF	\$ 3,000:-
ADMINISTRATION (Nashoba District)	\$ 1,200:-
SALARIES FOR BOARD MEMBERS	\$ 275:-

Respectfully submitted,

LOSSIE E. LAIRD

A. PERRY MARBLE

WALTER B. STEVENS

Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

INVESTIGATING WATER SUPPLY FOR TOWN DUMP

This committee has looked into four possible sources of supply to furnish water to the dump; namely — 1—a well and pump system located on the dump property, 2—a surface pipe laid from the water main on Taylor Road, 3—a water main underground from Taylor Road, and 4—the water main extended from Concord Road along Hosmer Street to Mass. Avenue and to the dump.

The Hosmer Street route is by far the most desirable as it will serve the most people at the lowest cost, and partially complete the tie-in with the main on School Street, a future project of the water district.

The construction of the motel at Hosmer Street and Route 2 has given a big boost to this extension assuring ample revenue to finance this investment without any large expense to the town.

The water district will install a hydrant at the dump for emergency use and a large meter and service for daily use. This committee has inserted an article in the annual town warrant to be used in defraying the cost of water used at the dump and at the same time serve as a guarantee to the water district.

JOHN F. MOORE, CHAIRMAN

F. WENDALL PUTNAM, JR.

EDWARD J. HIGGINS

REPORT OF THE NAGOG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE 1953

The members appointed by the selectmen of Acton and Littleton and the school committees of both towns as required by the vote at the March election met at Acton, April 3, 1953 and organized with Mansfield Branigan of Littleton as chairman and James E. Kinsley of Acton as treasurer.

At the next regular meeting the name of Nagog Regional School District of Acton and Littleton was adopted as the corporate name of the district.

Mr. Bennett Sanderson of Littleton was engaged as legal counsel for the district and Priscilla Felt of Acton was engaged as paid secretary of the committee.

Superintendent Pearson of Acton and Superintendent Harriman of the Littleton Union were engaged as educational advisers for the committee.

The Town of Acton appropriated \$22,668 at the May Town Meeting and the Town of Littleton appropriated \$17,332 at the June Town Meeting for the use of the committee.

Regional headquarters were established at 193 Central Street, West Acton, and The National Shawmut Bank was made financial agent for the district.

A license agreement for the use of The Blanchard Auditorium was signed by the Acton Selectmen and the Regional Committee November 1953.

Haynes Associates were engaged as architects by the committee in December 1953. The committee is working with the architects on proposed plans for the school.

The committee proposes to construct and equip a completely modern and efficient secondary school plant providing a comprehensive curriculum which will include college preparatory, commercial and general courses as well as provision for Vocational Education in the areas of Agriculture,

Metal Working and Automobile, Woodworking, and Home Making. In addition special purpose facilities for Art, Music, Dramatics and Sports will be provided.

It is expected that now that the complex problems of the formative stages of the district are solved that steady progress will be made toward the completion of the project.

AARON MARCUS
KENNETH DUFFY
LEO CUNNINGHAM
ROGER CRAFTS
JAMES E. KINSLEY

Nagog Regional School District Committee

IN MEMORIAM

In December, 1953 Littleton lost one of its outstanding citizens in the untimely death of Mansfield Branigan. During the past year he was appointed to the Massachusetts Regional District Commission by Gov. Christian Herter and previously he was elected chairman of the Nagog Regional School District.

Mansfield Branigan's unselfish devotion and untiring will to foster a better public school educational program for Littleton and Acton has been the main force in bringing the Nagog Regional School District to its present stage of development. Skillfully and tactfully he was able to solve many of the original problems of establishing a District of this nature and his work of creating harmonious relations and a better understanding between the citizens of the two towns will long be remembered. Truly, upon its completion, the new Regional High School will in a large part be a memorial to Mansfield Branigan.

NAGOG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report

RECEIVED

7/27/53—Town of Acton	\$22,668.00	
8/ 3/53—Town of Littleton ..	17,332.00	
12/10/53—U. S. Treas. Bills ...	30,000.00	
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		\$ 70,000.00

Payments Committee's Orders		60,290.40
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Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1953		9 709.60
U. S. Treas. Bills Due 3/11/54		\$30,000.00
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JAMES E. KINSLEY,
District Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Elementary School Building Committee entered into a contract on October 15, 1952 with the Morris Construction Co. of Lowell to build an eight elementary class room addition to the High School with a cafeteria, kitchen, teacher's room, health suite, principal's office, boiler room, and necessary toilet and storage rooms. The building was accepted as substantially completed on August 24, 1953. The contractor is responsible for any faulty materials or workmanship that shall be observed before August 24, 1954 and reported to the Building Committee.

The building has an insulated roof and thermopane windows to save heat. A modern inter-communication system with microphone, record-player, and AM FM radio has been installed. The kitchen is equipped with a gas water heater, gas ranges, and gas serving counter; an electric refrigerator, an electric upright frozen food storage chest, and a dishwasher. The cafeteria will seat 300 students at a time.

The water supply, sewerage disposal system, electric service, and heating system are adequate to service a 4 room addition.

The Committee awarded a contract to Greenough Brothers for excavating, graveling, grading, and hot topping around the new addition and the parking area behind the High School. The Committee also hired the Greenough Brothers equipment to develop a new play area at the end of the new addition. The Committee has installed 400 feet of Cyclone Chain Link Fence on the property line between the Kelley Estate and the school.

Over 1000 people attended open house on October 4, 1953. Cider and doughnuts which were donated by the Building Committee were served by members of the P. T. A.

The Committee wishes to thank the Acton Garden Club for its gift of evergreens, plants and decorations that have been put in the plant box at the loading platform and in the lobby. The lobby box has been changed with the season.

The Committee would like to thank the School Committee, Superintendent Pearson, teachers, janitors, many town officials, and townspeople for their wonderful cooperation and interest on this building project.

PORTER G. JENKS
ORMAL LAFFIN
WALTER B. STEVENS
LEO C. CUNNINGHAM
DANA B. HINCKLEY
EDWARD J. BURSAW
MARION C. REED

REPORT OF ACTON ZONING COMMITTEE

Your Zoning Committee, consisting of Harold Y. Banquer, Medville L. Clark, Charles Judd Farley, Ellis C. Johnson and Norman R. Veenstra was appointed in October, 1951 in accordance with the vote of the annual Town Meeting of March, 1951

The committee worked hard and diligently, meeting about once a week during the period of its existence.

At the start, the committee endeavored to appraise the feeling of the town. What kind of a town did the citizens want — a residential town? a manufacturing town? a farming community? Careful consideration was given to the reasons why previous zoning codes had been rejected. We finally came to the conclusion that the citizenry wanted neither a purely residential town nor a manufacturing one, but a compromise with somewhat more industry and with farming, a traditional activity in Acton, restricted as little as possible. We wrote the Protective Zoning By-Laws along these lines.

Informal meetings were held in various sections of the town to obtain the local viewpoint. The wishes of each locality were always given serious consideration and deviated from only when the committee felt that they ran counter to the interests of the town as a whole.

On Monday, April 13, 1953, a legally advertised public hearing was held. Following the hearing, objections raised at the hearing were seriously considered. Groups having objections were heard. Some minor amendments were made, after which new maps were prepared in accordance with these changes.

The proposed Protective Zoning By-Laws, unanimously approved by the Committee, were submitted to the Town Planning Board on May 25, 1953 in accordance with Section 27, Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

The By-Laws with amendments were passed at a Special Town Meeting on December 16, 1953.

The Chairman wishes to express his thanks to the Zoning Committee for their devotion to the job at hand and their willingness to consider all sides of a problem. No matter how different our initial viewpoints might be, we were always able to reach a workable agreement.

CHARLES JUDD FARLEY,

Chairman

AMENDMENT TO TOWN BY-LAWS

TOWN OF ACTON MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 9, 1953

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to amend Section two (2) of the Town By-Laws by adding the following articles, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. Every way that shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, shall be laid out forty feet or more in width, with twenty-four feet or more of approved road building materials that shall meet the requirements of the Planning Board.

Article 12. If an existing private way shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, such way shall not be accepted unless and until the Planning Board shall have certified in writing that such way meets the requirements of Article 11.

Voted Unanimously: To amend Section two (2) of the Town By-Laws by adding the following articles:

Article 11. Every way that shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, shall be laid out forty feet or more in width, with twenty-four

feet or more of approved road building materials that shall meet the requirements of the Planning Board.

Article 12. If an existing private way shall be laid out for the acceptance of the town as a town way, such way shall not be accepted unless and until the Planning Board shall have certified in writing that such way meets the requirements of Article 11.

A true copy:

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk

Boston, Mass., June 11, 1953

The foregoing by-laws are hereby approved.

GEORGE FINGOLD,
Attorney General

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ACTON

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953



Town of Acton, Massachusetts

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ORGANIZATION

Acton School Committee

Mr. Dana Hinckley, ChairmanTerm Expires 1954
Mr. Edward McNiff	.....Term Expires 1954
Mr. Leonard Godfrey	.....Term Expires 1955
Mr. Fred Abbt	.....Term Expires 1955
Mr. Leo Cunningham	.....Term Expires 1956
Mr. Thomas Wetherbee	.....Term Expires 1956

Meetings of the School Committee

Regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the new primary school at 7:30 p.m.

Tel.

Superintendent of Schools, Whitman Pearson	.....3-4181
School Physician, Paul D. Gates, M.D.	.....3-5671
School Nurse, Mrs. Eileen Hale, R.N.	.....3-4393

Principals:

High School, William O'Connell	.....3-4181
Primary School, Miss Julia McCarthy	.....3-4181
Center School, Mrs. Dardana Berry	.....3-5233
West School, Mrs. Carolyn Douglas	.....3-5642
South School, Miss Florence Merriam	.....3-4274
School Secretary, Mrs. Priscilla Felt	.....3-4181
Attendance Officer, Louis Leveroni	.....3-4181

School Calendar

Reopening of Schools, January 4, 1954

Winter Recess, February 22-26

Spring Recess, April 12-16

Patriot's Day, April 19

Memorial Day, observance, May 31

Close of School, Grades 1-8, June 11

High School Graduation, June 18

Close of School, Grades 9-12, Week of June 21 (dependent on
No School days)

Summer Recess

Teachers' Meetings, September 7, 1954

Reopening of High School, Grades 7-12, September 8

Reopening of Elementary Schools, September 9

Columbus Day, October 12

Visiting Day (Convention), October 29

Armistice Day, November 11

Thanksgiving Recess, November 25, 26

Christmas Holidays, December 24 to January 2, 1955

Reopening of Schools, January 3, 1955

Winter Recess, February 21-25

Spring Recess, April 11-15

Patriot's Day, April 19

Memorial Day, May 30

Close of School, Grades 1-8, June 10

Graduation, June 17, 1955

Close of School, Grades 9-12, Week of June 20 (dependent on
No School days)

No School Signal

2-2-2-2 7 A.M. No School All Grades All Day

1-1-1-1 7:15 A.M. No School Grades 1-8, All Day

1-1-1-1 11:30 A.M. No School, Senior High, Grades 9-12

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT 1953

The School Board respectfully submits the following report for the year 1953.

Firstly we wish to thank the several town departments and officers for their ready help in carrying out requests made by the School Department. We should also like to express our appreciation to the Finance Board for its advice and cooperation on matters of vital interest to the Town. Finally we should like to thank and congratulate the School Building Committee for its untiring work and interest in school affairs, as evidenced by the fine Elementary school addition which was occupied in September.

With the completion of this building the housing of Acton's school children has been greatly improved, and we have been able for the first time in a number of years to move out of make-shift quarters. We feel, however, that it is only fair to say that we believe the school housing problem is one to which we can never write "finis". With this in mind we hope to see a plan formulated which will allow the abandonment of the three present village school buildings, within the foreseeable future, and the establishment of modern facilities to replace them.

This year has seen the inauguration of the Two Platoon System at the High School level, because of increased enrollment. We should like to thank the parents of children affected by this change for their help in making it work as well as it has worked. We do not, however, look upon the two session day as desirable, and we sincerely hope that an adequate overall housing situation in the near future will enable the schools to operate on the single session plan.

Your committee has endeavored to maintain the physical properties of the school department in a good state of repair. Our major job this year has been the installation of a new sewage field at the eastern end of the high school.

In concluding we wish to congratulate the individual members of the School Staff and the Superintendent of

Schools for their fine work in improving the quality and range of instruction offered to the Town's young folk, and for their increasing interest in better liaison with the parents of the children entrusted to them.

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DANA B. HINCKLEY, Chairman
FREDERICK ABBT
LEO CUNNINGHAM
LEONARD GODFREY
EDMOND J. McNIFF
THOMAS WETHERBEE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Acton:

Herewith is presented my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for Acton:

School Finances 1953

Received — To the Credit of Public Schools

State Aid for Transportation (Costs above \$5 a pupil for transportation over 1½ miles)	\$ 3,250.00
State Aid for Public Schools (Approximately \$1,000 per teacher)	38,337.73
Tuition—Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wards	1,400.40
Tuition—City of Boston Wards	885.35
Tuition—Town of Boxborough	4,658.29
Tuition and Transportation—Town of Westford..	751.75
Miscellaneous Collections at the High School	25.50
TOTAL	\$ 49,309.02

Net Cost of Operating Public Schools

Appropriated March, 1953	\$167,967.00
Total amount expended	\$164,314.13
Received to Credit of Schools (explanation above)	49,309.02

NET AMOUNT FROM LOCAL TAXES	\$115,005.11
Less: Cost of New Equipment (Capital Outlay)	1,703.62

NET COST OF OPERATION FROM LOCAL TAXES	
	\$113,301.49

Expended for Operation in 1953

	High	Elementary	Total
Instruction	\$54,099.92	\$58,754.09	\$112,854.01
Books-Supplies	2,546.21	4,233.52	6,779.73
Plant Operation	9,551.23	12,995.95	22,547.18
Plant Maintenance	725.84	264.41	990.25
Auxiliary Agencies	5,634.01	4,669.48	10,303.49
General Control	4,332.24	4,332.23	8,664.47
Contingencies	235.69	235.69	471.38

Gross Cost of Operation	\$77,125.14	\$85,485.37	\$162,610.51
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Gross cost per high school pupil (299)	\$ 257.95
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Gross cost per elementary school pupil (498)	\$ 171.68
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Gross cost per pupil (797)	\$ 204.03
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Gross Cost of Operation (as above)	\$77,125.14	\$85,485.37	\$162,610.51
Less Receipts	\$26,911.80	\$22,397.22	\$ 49,309.02

	\$50,213.34	\$63,088.15	\$113,301.49
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Net Cost per high school pupil (299)	\$ 167.94
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Net cost per elementary school pupil (498)	\$ 126.68
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Net cost per pupil (797)	\$ 142.16
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1954 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Total appropriation recommended by the School Committee	\$207,758.33
Estimate of School Aid and other state reimbursement	\$ 54,350.00
Estimate of other non-tax receipts for school support	7,830.00
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Total non-local-tax receipts for school support	\$ 62,180.00
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Amount to be raised by local taxation for school support	\$145,578.33

Estimated Receipts for 1954—\$62,180.00

STATE AID

General School Fund	\$ 40,000.00
(Approximately \$1000 per teacher)	
Transportation	8,000.00
(Transp. of pupils over 1½ miles)	
Regional School District	6,000.00
Participation	
(15% addition to reg. state aid)	
Americanization Class	50.00
(½ cost of teacher)	
Education of Handicapped	300.00
(Cost above that of reg. teacher)	
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Total State Aid	\$ 54,350.00

Tuition — \$7,800.00

Town of Boxborough	\$ 5,300.00
Town of Westford	600.00
City of Boston	800.00
Commonwealth of Mass.	1,000.00
Individual	100.00
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Total Tuition Payments	\$ 7,800.00
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MISCELLANEOUS

Personal telephone calls	\$	20.00	
Damaged Books		10.00	
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Total Miscellaneous	\$		30.00

Total 1954 School Budget—\$207,758.33

Instruction	\$135,360.80
Books and supplies	11,247.53
Operation of plant	25,250.00
Maintenance of plant	1,350.00
Auxiliary Agencies	21,225.00
General control	9,400.00
Outlay	3,225.00
Contingencies	700.00

Total 1954 School Budget \$207,758.33

Salaries—\$135,360.80

	Elementary (Gr. 1-6)	High School (Gr. 7-12)
Salaries	\$ 67,633.92	\$57,616.88
Substitutes	500.00	500.00
Expenses—		
Transportation	400.00	400.00
New Staff:		
H. S. Commercial		1,200.00
Third Grade	1,120.00	
Sixth Grade	1,120.00	
First Grade	1,120.00	
Special Class	1,500.00	1,500.00
Americanization	75.00	75.00
Increases—		
Differentials	300.00	300.00
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		\$ 73,768.92 \$61,591.88

Books and Supplies—\$11,247.53

Grades I-VI

Textbooks—\$5,295.86

Primary	1,259.00
Center	349.07
Remedial	30.00
West	280.88
South	300.00
New III	438.15
New IV	528.73
Special	150.00
Misc.	200.00
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	\$3,535.83

Grades VII-XII

Misc.	300.00
English JHS	98.55
Guidance	15.00
Music	100.00
Art	20.00
Language	86.40
Soc. Studies	352.84
Math.	141.40
Commercial	226.56
Science	67.60
English SHS	351.68
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	\$1,760.03

Grades I-VI

Supplies — \$5,951.67

Primary	1,214.00
Center	455.86

Remedial	12.60
West	412.96
South	321.00
Tests	100.00
Music	50.00
A-V Aids	200.00
General	500.00
Phys. Ed.	200.00
Science	50.00

\$3,516.42

Grades VII-XII

Music	110.00
Guidance	245.25
Science	500.00
Art	81.00
Shop	199.00
Home Ec.	100.00
Phys. Ed.	500.00
A-V Aids	200.00
General	500.00

\$2,435.25

Operation of Plant — \$25,250.00

	Grades I-VI VII-XII	
Janitor Service		
Village Schools, Janitor Service	6,400.00	
High-Primary, Janitor Service	3,100.00	3,400.00
High-Primary	3,100.00	3,400.00
Other	500.00	500.00
Fuel	2,500.00	2,500.00
Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water	155.00	75.00
Gas	200.00	100.00

Light-Power	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephones	350.00	450.00
Rent	720.00	
Plowing, High-Primary	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00

TOTAL	\$ 16,075.00	\$9,175.00
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Maintenance of Plant—\$1,350.00

	Grades I-VI	VII-XII
Typewriter repairs		100.00
Center School Hot Water Tank and Cess- pool	150.00	
Piano Tuning-Instrument Repairs	100.00	50.00
High School Bell System		150.00
Recommendations of Building Inspector: Non-slip ramps, fire doors, emer- gency lights, fire escape, etc.		300.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	250.00
TOTAL	\$500.00	\$850.00

Auxiliary Agencies — \$21,225.00

	Grades I-VI	VII-XII
Libraries	200.00	100.00
Promotion of Health	250.00	250.00
Transportation	6,000.00	12,000.00
Tuition (separate acct)	0.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	75.00
Printing & Advertising	25.00	25.00
Graduation		100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
Facilities Planning	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$7,575.00	\$13,650.00

General Control — \$9,400.00

Superintendent	6,000.00
Attendance Officer	100.00
Secretary	2,500.00
Travel-Expenses	200.00
Stationery & Postage	175.00
Equipment	25.00
School Committee	100.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
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TOTAL	\$9,400.00

Capital Outlay—\$3,225.00

Grades I-VI VII-XII

HS Typewriter replacement	800.00	
Record Players — tuned bells, metro-		
nome	200.00	25.00
School "Sentinel" Signs	200.00	
Classroom furniture New VI, III	1,200.00	
Chain Link Fence—Center	600.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
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TOTAL	\$2,300.00	\$925.00

Contingency Fund—\$700.00

Contingencies	400.00	300.00
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ACTON
FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

FISCAL POSITION OF ACTON AMONG 45
MASS. TOWNS OF 3000-5000 POPULATION

Rank	High School Staff with Master's Degree	Entire Staff with Four Years Training	Elementary Staff with Four Years Training	1952-53 Support Per Pupil	C. Town Debt is of Valuation	1952-53 Valuation Per Pupil	1953 Tax Rate	1952-53 Average Staff Salary	Maximum Salary with AB-85 Degree
1	83%	86%	86%	\$278	19.22	23,380	\$76	\$3520	\$4500
2									
3									
4	73%								
5	ACTON								
6									
7									
8		78%							
9		ACTON	61%						
10			ACTON						
11									
12									
13									
14				\$219					
15				ACTON	4.96				
16					ACTON				
17									
18						8,860			
19						ACTON			
20									
21									
22	MEDIAN		MEDIAN			MEDIAN		MEDIAN	
23	54%	68%	51%	\$198	3.39	7,850	\$51	\$3079	\$3700
24							\$50.20		
25							ACTON		
26									
27									
28									
29									
30								\$2935	
31								ACTON	
32									
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34									
35									
36									
37									
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39									\$3300
40									ACTON
41									
42									
43									
44									
45	000	32%	00	\$146	0000	3,920	\$32.36	\$2312	\$3000

Housing

In Setember 1953 the opening of the new eight-room primary school and the operation of the Junior-Senior High School on a two-shift basis made it possible to house the Acton school population in regular school facilities for the first time in several years. However, the establishment of a new Sixth Grade at the Center in September 1954 will make it necessary to use the firehouse classroom again, and an additional section of the Third or Fifth Grade would have to be housed in an improvised classroom. To take care of the 100 pupil Third Grades of September 1955 and thereafter, and to re-

lieve the pressure on the village schools, it would seem desirable to add at least four rooms to the present primary school so that it can house all of our Third Grade pupils as well as those in Grades One and Two. This would make the eleven rooms in the village schools available for Grades Four, Five, and Six, which will soon reach four-section proportions.

Two hundred and ninety-nine pupils are using the high school building, with Grades Seven and Eight attending from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00, and the Senior High classes meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The two-shift plan should take care of the 330 students who will be in the Junior-Senior High classes in September, 1954 but will not provide space for the 400 enrollment anticipated in September 1955. Assuming that the Nagog Regional High School is ready for operation in September 1956, then some sort of improvisation beyond the two-shift plan would be necessary for only one year.

Instruction

The staff salary schedule, which recognizes training, experience, and special duties, has been adjusted to changing economic conditions, and action of your school committee has now placed Acton in a position to retain able teachers even though their work has evoked tempting offers from other school systems. Illustrating this change for the benefit of Acton children is the contrast between the 35% teacher turnover of the summer of 1948 and the loss of only two faculty members to better paying positions in the summer of 1953. These two teachers, Miss Joan Dwane, and Mr. Joseph Sheehan, both resigned to accept appointments in their home towns of Norwood and Cambridge.

New Faculty Members

Mrs. Alice O'Hearn	Second Grade
Mrs. Nancy Catania	First Grade
Mrs. Mary Lou Robinson	First Grade
Miss Irene Weislik	High School Commercial
Mr. Arthur Gulla	High School Social Studies

Mr. Joseph Moynahan	Junior High School Social Studies
Miss Alice Phillips	Fifth Grade
Miss Roberta Puffer	Third Grade

Future Additions to Faculty

Present indications are that an additional Commercial Teacher will be required for the High School, and that a third Sixth Grade, to take care of the advancing three-section 90-pupil Fifth Grade, will have to be established at the Center. Consideration has also been given to the possibility of having to establish a fifth section of the First Grade and a fourth section of the Third Grade in September. Due to increasing number of aliens eligible for naturalization in the town, provision has been made for starting an Americanization class in the fall, and if such a class is established, the State will pay one-half the cost of the teacher.

Books and Supplies

Acton school children are adequately supplied with texts, workbooks, paper, pencils, and other educational material, but in the interests of economy teachers are expected to exercise careful control over textbooks and the use of "expendable" supplies. Efforts by the teacher to ration "expendables" and the loss or misplacement of books and supplies by students sometimes give rise to erroneous reports that the schools are not providing certain items.

Plant Operation and Maintenance

The "two-shift" custodial plan for the high-primary unit has worked out successfully, with Head Custodian Louis Leveroni on duty mornings and afternoons and his assistant, Ole Garthe, working afternoons and evenings. This system has allowed for the cleaning of the High School after the Senior High pupils leave at 4:30. and has provided custodial service while a variety of evening activities takes place.

The "two-shift" operation of the High School has overloaded the building in many ways and has emphasized its

shortcomings as far as lighting, sound transmission, sewage disposal, ventilation, and heating are concerned. Emergency changes in the electrical circuits and the sewage disposal systems were carried out during 1953, and the hot water supply situation was improved, but it has been evident for some time that a major rehabilitation project should be undertaken at the earliest opportunity. In addition, since population pressure precludes the abandonment of the three village schools until the distant future, prudent management indicates that these should be maintained at maximum efficiency. Consequently, the School Committee has made budget provisions for securing engineering and architectural advice on the problem of improving our existing school facilities.

Auxiliary Agencies

Transportation. One of the most expensive aspects of the Two-Shift operation of the High School has been the increase in school bus costs made necessary by extra trips at noon, early morning, and late afternoon. Carrying out the policy of providing transportation for the large majority of Acton youngsters and thereby reducing the "walking-on-the-highway" hazard is expensive, but it pays dividends in safety, and fortunately the State makes a substantial contribution toward this cost.

Cafeteria. Under the capable management of Mrs. Anne Rimbach, assisted by Mrs. Minnie Campbell and Mrs. Bertha Tucker and a staff of junior and senior high volunteer girl workers, the new cafeteria has been operated at no expense to the town since its opening in September. The lunch room serves an average of two hundred well-balanced meals daily, each constituting one-third of a child's daily nutritional requirements, and a substantial Federal-State subsidy plus the use of surplus government commodities help to keep the cost of each meal down to twenty-five cents. Since September the cafeteria and village school milk funds have been handled by Mrs. Rimbach through the Special School Lunch Account of the Town Treasurer, and this consolidation has

made it possible to dispense with the \$200 local subsidy hitherto provided each year by a "Special School Lunch Account Article" in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Capital Outlay

Purchase of school "sentinel" signs to be placed at the side of the roadways at the various schools is contemplated now that the regulations of the State Department of Public Utilities allow the use of certain approved warning signs of this type. Another addition to school safety will be the installation of chain link fence along Nagog Hill Road from the Center School driveway.

School Department Policies

To clarify specific areas of misunderstanding regarding school policies this portion of the Report will be devoted to answering some important recurring questions:

Are the children who take the cafeteria meal required to eat everything on their plates?

No, but "seconds" are not given until the main components of the meal have been finished.

What determines whether or not the No School Signal will be sounded?

Driving conditions, because most Acton students are transported to school. Parents can appraise the weather and other circumstances involved in getting their children to school, and should feel free to make their own decisions. Heavy rain does not make a significant decrease in Acton's school attendance.

How do the schools guard against releasing a child into the custody of an improper person?

By checking back on telephone calls purporting to come from a parent, and by making sure that the child knows the

person to whom he is released. If a child is to vary his usual schedule he should present a note authorizing this, and if he is to be called for by someone unknown to the teacher the teacher should be notified in advance.

How can I guard against the child's losing things at school?

Print his name on his lunch-box, on each rubber and overshoe, and on all popular-styled clothing. Every year large amounts of valuable unclaimed clothing are given to the Save the Children Federation, and countless pencils, fountain pens, wallets, etc. are disposed of at a special auction.

How should I arrange for a conference with a teacher?

Teachers welcome conferences with parents because such meetings offer the most effective way of developing home-school cooperation. However, adequate conferences cannot be held during chance meetings at PTA or other social functions, and should be held at the school where records and samples of work are available. Appointments may be made directly with the teacher or through the building principal, and if necessary, arrangements will be made for conferences at times other than school hours. To provide for the conduct of classes while the teacher is conferring with a parent, the school department will arrange to have substitute teachers available on Wednesdays. This will allow regular teachers to leave their classes for pre-arranged appointments, and one half hour will be allotted for each conference.

Is there a curriculum guide for the work done in the lower grades?

Yes, the Primary and Elementary Grade Curriculum Guides published by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Do the Acton schools have a program of achievement and ability testing?

Yes. Guidance Directors Ruth Proctor and Maureen Conlon and the members of the faculty give standard tests as a basis for individualized instruction, remedial work, and grouping in the Junior High School. 11th Grade testing by the Boston University Testing Bureau provides valuable data used in the educational and vocational counseling of Juniors and Seniors.

What have been the accomplishments of the Acton Physical Education program besides producing championship teams?

The championship teams have been a development of an "Athletics for All" program which is rapidly expanding in spite of the obstacles imposed by the "two-shift" system at the high school. Acton maintains Junior Varsity, Junior High, and Elementary School teams, as well as the Varsity squads, and is represented in interscholastic competition in Field Hockey, Soccer, Rifle Shooting, Basketball, and Baseball.

Can a student prepare for any college at Acton High School?

Yes, recent AHS graduates are now attending Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston University, New Hampshire University, University of Massachusetts, Simmons, Framingham, Bridgewater, and Lowell State Teachers Colleges, and many other collegiate institutions.

Is group insurance available for Acton school children?

Yes. \$1.25 a year premium for participation in liberal-benefit group accident insurance plan.

Reading Improvement

The remedial work started in 1950 by Mrs. Katherine Foley on a part-time basis, and expanded last year by Miss

Maureen Conlon as a full-time teacher, was so successful in helping many youngsters to overcome a variety of reading difficulties, that it has been expanded again by utilizing the services of both teachers. Since there has long been a great need for special help for those whose abilities lie in non-academic directions, the new arrangement will allow Miss Conlon to devote mornings to the individualized development of certain skills outside of the scope of the ordinary class.

Acton people are taking an increasing pride in their school system which through its faculty is constantly striving to implement the policies established by the School Committee. Chosen directly by the voters and in close touch with the people of the Town, the six School-Committeemen are charged by the Commonwealth with the serious responsibility of providing the education of the community's children, and their oft-expressed conviction that Acton youngsters "deserve the best" augurs well for our boys and girls. Association with the present committee-members has been a source of inspiration for all members of the staff, and continuation of such fine support on the policy level should enable the Acton schools to move closer to worthy educational goals in 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITMAN PEARSON,

Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS OF THE ACTON FACULTY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name	Professional Training	
JULIA MCCARTHY	Fitchburg Teachers College	Principal
CELINA MacLEAN	Perry Normal School	I
PHYLLIS MORSE	Fitchburg Teachers College, BS in Ed.	I
MARY ROBINSON	Lesley College	I
NANCY CATANIA	Lesley College, BS in Ed.	I
MARGARET BARRETT	Lowell Teachers College	II
HELEN DeCOSTE	Lesley College	II
ANNE DERBY	Lesley College, BS in Ed.	II
ALICE O'HEARN	Lowell Teachers College, BS in Ed.	II

WEST SCHOOL

CAROLYN DOUGLAS	Fitchburg Teachers College, BS in Ed.	Principal
JOANNE DAGDIGIAN	Regis College, AB	VI
ELIZABETH TUFTS	Mass. School of Art	III
	Gorham Teachers College, BS in Ed.	IV
ALICE PHILLIPS	San Francisco Teachers College, AB	V

SOUTH SCHOOL

FLORENCE MERRIAM	Fitchburg Teachers College	Principal III
JESSIE GEMMA	Fitchburg Teachers College	VI
KATHERINE MATSEN	Smith College, AB	V
MADELEINE KINGSTON	Fitchburg Teachers College, BS in Ed.	IV

CENTER SCHOOL

DARDANA BERRY	Framingham Teachers College	V
RAMONA DAVIS	Boston University, AB	IV
ROBERTA PUFFER	Machias Normal School University of Maine, BS in Ed.	III

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

WILLIAM O'CONNELL	Boston University, BS in Ed., MS in Ed.	Principal
MARION TOWNE	Smith College, AB	Dean of Girls
CARL BOWMAN	Fitchburg Teachers College Boston University, BS in Ed.	Science
MARY EMERSON	University of New Hampshire, BS	Home Economics
VINCENT GANNON	Boston University Catholic University, BS in Ed. Harvard University, AM	English

RAYMOND GREY
ARTHUR GULLA
THEODORE HERSEY

NORTON LEVY

JOSEPH MOYNAHAN
RALPH STETSON

IRENE WEISLIK
JOHN WINTON

MAUREEN CONLON
RUTH PROCTOR
CAROL SPAULDING
ISADORE STEARNS
JOHN PRISKE

KATHERINE FOLEY
WHITMAN PEARSON

Tufts College, AB, MS in Ed.
Georgetown University, BS
St. Lawrence University, BA
Boston University, MA
University of Chicago, BS
University of Maine, VMI
Harvard University, MA
Boston University, AB, MS in Ed.
Massachusetts School of Art
Northeastern University
Salem Teachers College, BS in Ed.
University of Massachusetts, BS

ALL SCHOOLS

Lowell Teachers College, BS
Radcliffe College, AB
Mass. School of Art, BS in Ed.
University of Maine, BS in Ed.
Truro College, AB
New England Conservatory, MS
Bridgewater Teachers College
University of Pennsylvania, BS in Econ.
Cambridge University
Boston University, MS in Ed.
Harvard University

Social Studies
Social Studies

Foreign Languages

Mathematics
Social Studies

Industrial Arts, Driver Training
Commercial
Physical Education Director

Reading
Guidance
Art
Physical Education

Music
Reading
Superintendent of Schools

PRE-SCHOOL

Entering Class of

1959 1958 1957 1956 1955 1954

Pre

school 101 105 105 103 89 122

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VII

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XI

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Action (Figures include tuition schools paying students)

AGE AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE (October 1, 1953)

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 Total

18 80 5 103

17 68 2 1 88

14 46 8 2 70

17 59 11 1 88

11 64 9 3 87

11 47 3 1 62

ELEMENTARY 498

16 39 7 62

12 41 18 3 74

JUNIOR HIGH 136

10 32 7 3 52

1 7 21 6 1 36

12 22 2 36

11 25 3 39

SENIOR HIGH 163

18 97 87 65 79 88 73 57 60 57 43 42 28 3 797

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

This year for the first time Acton High School has been forced into a "two-session" day. Because of this, many problems and adjustments had to be settled. Mr. Pearson has covered this in detail in his report, and I will pass over it except to say that this two-session day has eliminated study periods.

There has been an improvement over last year in our Guidance Department where Miss Proctor has been placed as a full-time guidance director. Miss Proctor has given her report concerning accomplishments in this field.

My report will be based mainly on Athletics, Music, and Audio-Visual Aids.

Athletics. The major change in our athletic program has been the return of John Winton from the armed forces to resume his coaching and supervising physical education in the junior and senior high school. Mr. Joseph Sheehan, who was so successful here the past two years, resigned to take a position in his home town of Cambridge.

The girls' physical education and coaching was again under the direction of Miss Isadore Stearns from the University of Maine.

The Acton High School Athletic Association elected officers in late September for the year 1953-54. The results were as follows: George Morse, President; Charlotte Hill, Secretary; home room representatives — Grade 11, Urban McLellan and Lucy Newport; Grade 10, Malcolm Langille and Martha Lee; Grade 9, Patricia Perkins and Edwin Anderson; Grade 8, Ellen Staples and Irving Duren; Grade 7, Anne Myers and Robert Harris.

The Magazine Drive was conducted in early September and we had gross sales amounting to \$2,183.65. This was not as much as last year when the total was \$2,271.45. Nevertheless, it was the second highest in the school history. The profit from this was divided differently this year as the high school classes entered competition for prizes of \$75,

\$45, and \$25. The Freshman Class won the \$75, the Sophomore Class the \$45, and the Senior Class the \$25. These amounts were put into the class treasuries and will be used to help defray the expenses to go to Washington. The Athletic Association realized a profit of \$479.65.

Although the school was on "two-sessions," we continued to carry on all interscholastic athletics. The girls were undefeated in varsity field hockey, while the boys had their first losing season in soccer since the sport was introduced four years ago. At this writing, the basketball teams have excellent records and could possibly win the championship in the Wachuset League. For the first time in many years the girls basketball team, under the capable coaching of Miss Stearns, has an excellent chance of establishing the best girls record in the past ten years.

Our junior high school teams are again members of the Middlesex Junior High School League. Mr. Arthur Gulla is the coach of the boys basketball and baseball teams, and Mrs. Joan Cook Flannery has volunteered to coach the girls junior high basketball team.

In closing, it should be reported that the Acton High School varsity basketball teams have won over eighty games in four years and have been invited to the Tech Tournament the past three years. They have won numerous titles and trophies, and not too much can be said of the fine coaching of Mr. John Winton and Mr. Joseph Sheehan.

School Activities

Audio-Visual Aids. The audio-visual aids program at Acton High School is, in my opinion, second to no small school. We have the following equipment: 2 16mm projectors, 5 film strip projectors, 1 tape recorder, 1 power speaker, 1 3-speed record player, 1 78 r.p.m. record player, 1 lantern slide projector, 1 film strip cabinet, 7 screens, and 1 re-winding and film splicer machine. This equipment, under the capable direction of Mr. Ralph Stetson, is available to the entire school system by making the proper appointment in advance. We have allowed civic organizations in town to use our projectors on many occasions.

Music. Our music department has been strengthened this year as Mr. John Priske has been employed on a full time basis. In the past he has spent only part of his time here in Acton and the rest in New Hampshire. He has been in charge of all of our musical programs, which include Easter, Christmas and Memorial Day assemblies, Graduation, and the annual Music Festival. With the addition of the new cafeteria he has been able to improve our junior high school boys and girls glee club. This was noted particularly this year at Christmas when this group sang for the Parent-Teachers' Association, elementary, junior and senior high schools. If any child has an instrument, Mr. Priske is only too happy to instruct that child and improve his playing. He is now working on an operetta for the Seventh and Eighth Grades which will be ready in a few months.

Driver Safety Program. This year marks our fourth year in the driver safety program. In the past four years close to 100 boys and girls have obtained their driving licenses through this program. It should be noted here that a boy or girl who has obtained his or her license in this course can request a 15% discount on automobile insurance rates. We have posters and films demonstrating safe driving in hopes that these boys and girls will reduce the very high accident rate in the state. This program is under the supervision of Mr. Ralph Stetson.

Rifle Team. Last year we started a rifle team in Acton Junior-Senior High School under the supervision of Mr. Norton Levy, who was interested in teaching basic fundamentals. This year we have a regular rifle team which has competed in matches with Newton, Watertown, and Waltham. Our team has won two and lost one in this type of competition. The Concord Armory is used a great deal by Mr. Levy for practice.

Chess Club. Mr. Theodore Hersey has started a chess club in the high school, and although it has not had any competition, the boys have been able to gain a great deal from the coaching and instruction of Mr. Hersey.

The Class of 1954 started very early in the year to obtain funds for their annual trip to Washington. The first important venture was the Senior Play, "Our Miss Brooks", directed by Mr. Vincent Gannon which was played for three nights, and a net profit of \$625.00 was gained from this. The Seniors again conducted a census of the town, and under the leadership of Mr. Raymond Grey were able to present up to date figures on our future enrollments. The April vacation has been advanced one week with the approval of the School Committee, in order that the Seniors might have better accommodations on their trip. Therefore, the spring vacation this year will be April 12-16. I should like to express my appreciation to all people and businesses in town who have helped the Senior Class, the school, and the athletic teams in any capacity. Without this help we could not do very much.

The faculty at the high school should be congratulated on the splendid job it is doing on the "two-session" day. It has required many of the teachers to teach from early morning to late afternoon. If the "two-session" day has been successful, it is so because of our faculty and the wonderful cooperation I have received from them. I should again like to thank the School Committee, townspeople, Superintendent Whitman Pearson, members of the faculty, the custodians, and all the other members of the school family for their fine support and cooperation.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Director: Miss Ruth Ramsdell Proctor

Organized guidance services, aimed at meeting the *individual needs* of students—personal, educational, and vocational—did not exist in the Acton High School until a little more than a year ago. At that time it was recognized that such services were needed to supplement the efforts of the school staff to meet the needs of the students in groups. For

the school year 1952-1953 a Guidance Director was appointed and was relieved of classes for four periods each day. In September, 1953, guidance was felt to be a full-time task.

Organization of the program followed an outline of long-range plans drawn up during the summer of 1952. Some progress has been made in each of five areas, as shown by the following summary.

A. Individual Inventory Services — A new folder-type cumulative record for the High School was developed in an effort to have a more complete picture of the *whole* individual. The following areas of the pupil's history and development are recorded: home background, school history, mental ability, achievement in different fields of study, health, special aptitudes, out-of-school experiences, educational and vocational interests, personality, and plans for the future. Personal data blanks and autobiographies completed by the students, interviews, tests, and information from faculty members and the school nurse are contributing sources for record card information. The cumulative records are filed in the Guidance Office and are accessible at all times to faculty members and administrators. They are consulted before any individual interview and the information is used to help pupils in understanding themselves and in making their educational and vocational plans.

A similar record card was recently developed for the Acton schools, grades 1-6, and the teachers of those grades are now collecting and recording information.

B. Informational Services — Books, bulletins unbound monographs, and posters have been collected and utilized with a view to providing students with information about educational and occupational opportunities. Information is continually being added concerning: (1) current opportunities and requirements of schools, colleges, and universities, (2) job opportunities, requirements, (3) scholarships and loans. Arrangement has been made with Maynard High School so that Acton pupils may participate in a series of monthly career conferences in order to become further acquainted with occupations of interest to them.

C. *Counseling Services* — Counseling is available during the school day for all pupils in the High School. Parents are equally welcome in the Guidance Office.

The interview provides an opportunity for the student to express himself freely, to discuss with an acceptant person his problems or his plans, and to reach his own decisions. The counselor frequently asks for some information and, in turn, imparts some facts, but the aim is to have the student help himself. The answers are not dictated and unnecessary persuasion is avoided.

D. *Placement Services* — Careful consideration is given to data about each student's capabilities and limitations and to his expressed vocational objectives. It is hoped that better placement in various high school courses will result from the long-range plans of study made by the students with their parents, and subsequently discussed with the Guidance Director in interviews.

A series of interviews with High School Seniors is held with the hope that such interviews will result in better placement in specialized schools, colleges, or jobs.

No job-placement bureau is maintained, but the school accepts the responsibility of providing any possible assistance to pupils seeking either part-time or full-time employment. When calls are received from local business concerns or industries attempts are made to fill the vacancies with qualified students or graduates.

E. *Follow-Up Services* — A study of the problems and experiences of former pupils is one important source of occupational information and one of the best means of continual evaluation of the school curriculum, instruction, and guidance services.

A follow-up questionnaire has been mailed to graduates and drop-outs of the classes 1948-1953 inclusive, and to date about 80 percent response has been received. The individual comments are evidence of a keen interest in the school and its progress, and school authorities agree that some valuable suggestions have been offered, especially at this time of new

school planning. Final tabulations including returns of the Class of 1953 have not yet been made, but following this report are excerpts from a preliminary study of results made in August, 1953.

Guidance is not a one-man job. To be successful it requires the cooperation of all staff members, working with enthusiasm, wisdom, and patience. Whatever progress has been made during the short life of the Guidance Department in the Acton High School is evidence of this cooperation.

EXCERPTS FROM REPORT OF FOLLOW-UP STUDY, AUGUST, 1953

A. Occupational Planning and Present Status

1. Of the 109 respondents, 72 were girls; 37 were boys. 33 are married; 25 are students; 22 are in the Armed Forces, and 45 are employed. Only two are presently unemployed and seeking work.

2. 75% feel that they have now made a definite choice of occupation, and about 50% have continued with the same occupational plan they had in high school.

3. The two most important sources of help in occupational planning were said to be parents and school personnel.

4. It was almost unanimously agreed that organized guidance services should be provided in the high school.

B. Educational Information

1. The college preparatory and commercial course students were generally satisfied that they had taken the right high school course, but about 50% of the graduates of the general course were dissatisfied with their choice. Apparently the general course pupils needed more guidance and probably also a wider range of subject offerings.

2. Two-thirds of the total group have had some education beyond that received in the Acton schools. 22% went

on to four-year colleges, while the remaining 45% are distributed among junior colleges, technical schools, business schools, teachers colleges, nursing schools, and specialized schools in the Armed Forces.

C. Suggested Additions for the High School Curriculum

1. Typing for all college preparatory students
2. More Home Economics
3. More Shop — including machines
4. Agriculture
5. Public Speaking
6. Human Relations
7. More Mechanical Drawing
8. Latin
9. More Music and Art Appreciation
10. Office Practice

D. In answer to the question, "In what ways do you think the Acton High School can be of greater value or service to those now in school?", two-thirds of the respondents expressed some opinion. The ideas most frequently stated have been organized under three headings and they may be summarized as follows:

1. GENERAL

a. Engage competent teachers and give them every incentive to stay in Acton.

b. Provide a larger school plant with a wider range of educational opportunities.

c. Discipline, especially respect for older people and for superiors, is most important, particularly in the business world, and should be stressed.

d. Enrich the high school library.

2. CURRICULUM

a. More attention to "How to Study" techniques.

b. More attention to forewarning college preparatory

students so that transition from high school to college would be easier.

c. More practical skills for general course students.

d. Main emphasis in English on diction, grammar, note-taking, self-expression, and the philosophy in literature.

e. Special help provided for students planning to take college entrance examinations.

f. Home Economics courses encouraged for *all* girls and particular emphasis on practical homemaking problems.

g. Boys expecting to enter the Armed Forces be encouraged to study a modern foreign language.

h. A unit in some course devoted to the methods of securing and keeping jobs.

i. Stressing of importance of reading comprehension and speed; remedial opportunities provided.

8. GUIDANCE

a. Individual aid in educational and vocational planning.

b. More information about various occupations; use of field trips, audio-visual aids, and conferences with representatives of different occupations.

c. Increase of self-confidence through the proper use of extra-curricular activities.

d. Ability and interest testing and the relation of results to occupational choices.

e. Guidance to include better social adjustment of the individual.

f. More publicity for scholarship opportunities.

g. Provision of placement service for graduates.

Some of the suggestions made have been incorporated in the school program since the graduation of the Class of 1952; others may well be considered in making additions or revisions in the Acton secondary school program.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Whitman Pearson
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Report for School year ending December 31, 1953.

Eye and ear examinations of all the pupils were completed for the School year ending June 1953. The School Department has purchased a new Massachusetts Vision Testing Machine to facilitate this year's examinations.

Physical examinations of the children in every grade of the Grammar Schools, ninth, twelfth and all the athletes in the High School, have been completed. The follow-up work continues with good cooperation from the parents and teachers.

The Pre-School and Diphtheria Clinics were held in April and May.

Appointments were arranged for teachers having their chest X-rays this year. Transportation to Waltham Sanatorium for chest X-rays was provided for the personnel and students working in the new cafeteria. Several other students were brought to the Emerson Hospital for X-ray of minor injuries. Parents approval is first required.

It is hoped that this coming year we may make more and better use of the fine new Health Room provided for us.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN F. HALE, R.N.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. Whitman Pearson
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

January 5, 1954

I herewith submit my annual report as school physician.

The yearly physical examinations were completed in November, 1953. Special examinations for those participating in athletics were conducted at the beginning of the school year.

Parents were notified of all defects found and remedial measures advised where indicated.

In conjunction with the Board of Health, Schick Tests and inoculations for diphtheria were given in May to the lower grades at the High School.

I wish to thank the Superintendent, townspeople, teachers, and school nurse for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL D. GATES, M.D.

GRADUATION EXERCISES, JUNE 12, 1953

Salutatorian Virginia Ruth Leavitt

Valedictorian Richard Fraser Laffin

Scholarship Awards:

Acton High School Trust Fund

William Kazokas, Jr.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Richard Laffin

Boston University

West Acton Woman's Club

Georgia Clahane

Massachusetts School of Art

Acton Center Woman's Club

Dardana Berry

Wheelock College

Parent-Teacher Association

Virginia Leavitt

Newton-Wellesley Hospital

Maynard Rotary Club

Elaine Priest

University of New Hampshire

Other Awards:

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Certificate.

Patricia McCarthy

Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute Alumni Medal for excellence in Mathematics and Science.

William Kazokas, Jr.

Bausch and Lomb Science Medal

William Kazokas, Jr.

American Legion Medals for Scholarship, Loyalty, and Achievement

Virginia Leavitt

John Edgar

National Scholastic Honor Society Members

Seniors: Dardana Berry, Georgia Clahane, William Kazokas, Kenneth Marble, Richard Laffin, David Sibel

Juniors: Charlotte Hill, Glenn Pasanen, Margarette Jarvi, John Way

CLASS OF 1953

Joanne Elaine Acorn
John Paul Ashline
Carolyn June Barnhart
Dardana Berry
Margaret Joyce Cameron
Georgia Clahane
Gaye Priscilla Clarke
Maureen Beatrice Cornellier
John Wilson Edgar
Ruth Louise Erikson
Brian James Fitzgerald
Robert Milton Greenough
Roger Bruce Gregory
William Lawson Harper
Charles Frederick Harrison
Jean Hollis
David Albert Jackson
Sybil Claire Higgins
Sylvia Marian Jewell

Eleanor Marie Johnson
Mary Ellen Johnson
Sarah Ann Jones
William Cypras Kazokas, Jr.
Elsa Louise Knippel
Richard Fraser Laffin
Josephine Landry
Janet Olive Larrabee
Virginia Ruth Leavitt
Robert Akester Mansfield
Kenneth William Marble
Patricia Julia McCarthy
Alton Bruce McKelvie
Arlene Marie Niven
Elaine Dorothy Priest
Frank Wendell Putnam III
Richard Parker Schou
David Vernon Sibel
Doris Christine Torkeksen

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OF THE

SEVERAL OFFICIAL BOARDS

Town of Acton

MASSACHUSETTS

For The Year Ending December Thirty-First

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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Expenditures necessary for the good government and well-being of the Town of Acton—with particular reference to proposed additional school facilities—will apparently not permit a marked reduction in the tax rate in the near future. However, your Finance Committee has been favorably impressed this year by the effort on the part of the majority of Town Boards and Committees to hold appropriations to a necessary minimum.

The immediate necessity for a new High School (complicated by the collapse of the Nagog Regional School District) together with the contemplated change of the present High School to a building suitable for more elementary grades would point to the need for the utmost care and consideration on the part of the School Committee in preparing future budgets and requests. In view of the fact that the school operating budget has been increased by approximately \$29,000, additional capital expenses should be kept to a minimum. Desirable but non-essential items should also be avoided.

We again recommend that the Town Dump be transferred to the Highway Department and regret that this proposal has not been, and is not now being, presented to the Town for its consideration. Obviously this transfer would not relieve the Board of Health from its responsibility with respect to Town Dump sanitation but should provide for more efficient use of equipment and manpower.

The Town is now on the second year of its three-year contract for garbage removal. This contract is made up of

a base charge of \$4,950. plus \$5.00 for each additional dwelling constructed during the previous year.

Several items re-occur yearly as special articles in the Annual Town Warrant. Such items as replacement of shade trees, insurance providing indemnity for officers or employees of the Town while operating Town vehicles, and insurance for protection of members of the volunteer Fire Companies have been repeatedly approved by the Town. We suggest that these items may properly be transferred to the general Town Budget in future years.

Many Town departments now purchase identical materials from various suppliers at various prices. This does not seem consistent with good business procedure. Therefore, in the interest of economy, your Finance Committee recommends serious consideration of centralized purchasing for the town needs.

We would like to call your attention to the mounting costs of Veterans Benefits Expenditures. Because of existing statutes there is little that can be done at present. However, projection of these costs into the future would indicate a very high outlay for this item. Changes in present laws seem the only hope for this mounting pressure on our tax burden.

The Finance Committee would like to thank all Boards and Committees for their cooperation during the past year.

EDWARD S. BOYDEN
ROBERT F. CHARLES
JOHN M. GODDARD
ROGER M. MYRICK
BRADFORD S. LEACH, Clerk
JOHN M. WHITTIER, Chairman

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, to wit:

Precinct 1 — Town Hall, Acton Center

Precinct 2 — Congregational Church, South Acton

Precinct 3 — Woman's Club House, West Acton

at 12 o'clock noon. Monday, the seventh day of March, 1955, by posting a copy of this warrant, by you attested, at each of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at least before the seventh day of March.

To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers: Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, town collector, one selectman for three years; one assessor for three years; one member of the board of public welfare for three years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of the school committee for one year (to fill vacancy); one member of the board of health for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for three years; a tree warden for one year; one member of the planning board for five years; one member of the planning board for one year (to fill vacancy).

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock p. m.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton as aforesaid, to meet at the BLANCHARD AUDITORIUM in said Acton on

Monday, March 14, 1955 at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix the salary and compensation of all the elective officers of the town.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers and boards, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

It is recommended that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the Town as follows:

Item	Recommended 1955	Expended 1954
General Government 3.4% of Total		
1 Moderator	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
2 Finance Committee Expense ..	50.00	10.00
3 Selectmen's Dept. Salaries —		
Wages	4,091.00	3,708.52
4 Expenses	300.00	189.20

5	Town Accountant — Wages ..	1,200.00	1,200.00
6	Expenses	150.00	149.49
7	Treasurer Salary — Wages ..	1,200.00	1,200.00
8	Expenses	350.00	350.00
9	Tax Collector Salary — Wages	1,900.00	1,900.00
10	Expenses	500.00	649.00
11	Assessors' Salaries — Wages	4,100.00	3,704.30
12	Expenses	400.00	236.18
13	Town Clerk Salary — Fees ...	800.00	614.25
14	Expenses	350.00	345.89
15	Elections & Registrations, Sal- aries — Wages	1,116.00	1,525.00
16	Expenses	700.00	802.70
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17	Total General Government....	\$ 17,262.00	\$ 16,639.53

Buildings and Grounds 1.4% of Total

18	Buildings. & Grounds Salaries		
	— Wages	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 2,450.51
19	Expenses	3,875.00	3,520.92
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20	Total Buildings and Grounds .	\$ 7,025.00	\$ 5,971.43

Protection of Persons and Property 11.8% of Total

21	Police Salaries and Wages ...	\$ 19,236.00	\$ 16,972.63
22	Expenses including Cruiser operation and Uniforms ...	4,225.00	4,324.36
23	Fire Department Salaries —		
	Wages	8,760.00	5,127.05
24	Expenses	5,430.00	6,277.05
25	Fire Alarm System Salaries —		
	Wages	3,820.00	3,625.60
26	Expenses	1,050.00	671.94
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	10,000.00	9,730.00
28	Sealer Weights and Measures Salaries — Wages	250.00	250.00
29	Expenses	50.00	41.58
30	Moth Dept. Salaries — Wages	1,000.00	1,314.05
31	Expenses	1,000.00	1,192.87

32	Tree Warden Salary — Wages	2,000.00	1,592.20
33	Expenses	1,200.00	1,010.53
34	Wire Inspector, Salary and Travel	750.00	750.00
35	Expenses	100.00	78.83
36	Dog Officer	350.00	280.00
37	Total Protection	\$ 59,221.00	\$ 53,238.69

Health and Sanitation 3.8% of Total

38	Board of Heath Salaries — Wages	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
39	Expenses	800.00	946.56
39A	Secretary — Salary	2,340.00	1,478.50
40	Town and School Nurse	3,100.00	3,070.00
41	Expenses	840.00	815.00
42	Board of Health Agent — Salary	350.00	300.00
43	Expenses	300.00	416.60
44	Inspector, Milk and Food — Salary	150.00	297.65
45	Expenses	0.00	0.00
46	Custodian — Town Dump — Salary	3,500.00	3,477.00
47	Expenses	800.00	1,110.95
48	State Sanitorium	500.00	363.00
49	Medical Supplies	150.00	136.63
50	School Clinic	300.00	190.00
51	Substitute Nurse	300.00	276.00
52	Garbage Collection	5,450.00	4,950.00
53	Inspector of Animals	150.00	150.00
54	Expenses	25.00	21.10
55	Total Health and Sanitation	\$ 19,105.00	\$ 18,048.99

Highways 6.7% of Total

56	Village Highways	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,998.32
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57	Chapt. 81 Highways	8,550.00	8,550.00
58	Chapt. 90 Highways	1,500.00	1,200.00
59	Snow Removal	13,000.00	11,197.64
60	Traffic Signs — Lines	500.00	493.78
62	Highway Vacations	700.00	547.60
63	Street Lighting	6,618.60	6,040.12

64	Total Highways	\$ 33,868.60	\$ 31,027.46
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Charities 10.7% of Total

65	Welfare District Administration and Welfare Board Salaries \$	1,800.00	\$ 1,475.00
66	General Relief	3,000.00	3,231.91
67	Old-Age Assistance	41,000.00	41,000.00
68	Aid to Dependent Children ...	5,000.00	5,000.00
69	Disability Assistance	3,000.00	3,500.00

70	Total Charities	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 54,206.91
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Veterans' Aid 1.8% of Total

71	Veterans' Benefits Salary — Wages	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
72	Expenses	250.00	248.00
73	Veterans' Benefits Expenditures	8 000.00	10,570.97
74	Veterans' Services Salary — Wages	900.00	799.75
75	Expenses	50.00	0.00

76	Total Veterans' Aid	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 11,818.72
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Education 46% of Total

77	Instruction	\$159,133.35	\$133,911.28
78	Textbooks and Supplies	8,780.70	11,147.25
79	Plant Operation	27,275.00	25,242.19
80	Maintenance	3,740.00	1,324.08
81	Auxiliary Agencies	18,325.00	19,317.63

82	General Control	11,925.00	8,995.72
83	Outlay	2,299.15	2,987.28
84	Contingency Fund	700.00	439.66
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85	Total Education	\$232,178.20	\$203,365.09

Libraries .7% of Total

86	Libraries Salaries and		
	Wages	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,036.70
87	Expenses	785.00	908.10
88	Books	660.00	660.00
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89	Total Libraries	\$ 3,545.00	\$ 3,604.80

Recreation .3% of Total

90	Playgrounds — both fields ...	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,020.20
91	Expenses	150.00	0.00
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92	Total Recreation	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,020.20

Cemeteries 2.5% of Total

93	Cemeteries Salaries — Wages		
	(inc. vacations)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,419.10
94	Expenses	2,500.00	2,493.21
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95	Total Cemeteries	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 11,912.31

Unclassified 2.4% of Total

96	Town Reports	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,491.35
97	Workmen's Compensation ...	2,000.00	1,363.48
98	Surety Bonds	600.00	528.75
99	Town Counsel (Legal Services)	500.00	500.00
100	Fire Insurance — Town		
	Buildings	2,150.00	1,759.26
101	Memorial Day	600.00	560.02
102	Pension Fund	2,844.31	2,192.45
103	Pension Fund Expense	187.50	150.80

104	Military Service Fund	30.73	49.09
105	Board of Appeals — Expense	100.00	12.25
106	Planning Board — Expense ..	200.00	305.77
107	Service Fees	300.00	0.00
108	Miscellaneous	1,000.00	324.71
109	Total Unclassified	\$ 12,212.54	\$ 9,237.93

Maturing Debt & Interest 8.5% of Total

110	Maturing Debt (Elem. and High Schools)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
111	Interest (Elem. and High Schools)	5,245.00	5,560.00
112	Blanchard Auditorium — Maturing Debt	20,000.00	20,000.00
113	Interest	1,600.00	2,000.00
114	Total Debt and Interest.....	\$ 42,845.00	\$ 43,560.00
	Total Budget	\$504,612.34	\$463,652.06

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer the control of the Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium from the Acton Members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee to the Acton School Board, who shall be the representatives of the Town of Acton in all matters relating to the operation and maintenance of the premises and shall employ at the expense of the town all persons employed in such operation and maintenance, and shall in general have charge of the premises in behalf of the town including the assignment of dates and hours for use by organizations and for activities other than the School Department, or act anything thereon.

The Acton School Committee is presently considered to be the logical group to operate the Blanchard Auditorium. Passage of this article is therefore recommended.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,200 for the installation of unit ventilators in the High School, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee disapproves this article. In view of the fact that the heating system has recently been modernized, and replacement of inadequate lighting is now pending, the critical changes in the High School building will have been accomplished.

Until the exact use of the building is decided in reference to a new High School, it is recommended that no major expenditure for ventilation be made. At that time it is expected that any necessary improvement in the ventilation can be accomplished in a much more economical manner than anticipated under this article.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the replacement of the cesspool at the Acton Center School, or act anything thereon.

In view of the anticipated closing of the village schools following proposed new construction, the Finance Committee is reluctant to recommend replacement of the cesspool. It is recommended that the present facilities be maintained until such time as the future use of this property is finally determined.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

It is recommended that \$1500 be appropriated. This is the same amount voted last year and is also slightly in excess of actual expenditures.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Money appropriated under this article goes into a revolving fund in which there existed a balance of \$363 at the

beginning of this year. It is recommended that the appropriation under this article be limited to \$750, which is fifty per cent above the appropriation of last year.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department, or take any action thereon.

We find no reason to change our recommendation of previous years. We believe that the costs of this program should be sustained by outside subscription and not by the taxpayers. Approval of this article is therefore not recommended.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to complete the electrical work in the rehabilitation of the High School, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee favors the expenditure of sufficient funds to achieve satisfactory lighting in the present High School building.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,120.00 to maintain and operate Blanchard Auditorium, or act anything thereon.

The amount of money requested is an estimate prepared for the School Committee. The Finance Committee favors the appropriation.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the

Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or act anything thereon.

This appropriation is the same as for 1954 and is recommended for the continued program of poison ivy control.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for thinning out hardwood trees in the town forest, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, or some other sum, to be set aside as a Stabilization Fund, or act anything thereon.

The appropriation represents a continuation of the program of reserving funds for new Fire Department apparatus. The Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$15,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a fire truck, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee favors the purchase of new pumping apparatus. The proposed purchase will preserve the Town's present Class C rating and will continue the program of supplying the Fire Department with essential equipment.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the extension of the Fire Alarm System for the Town of Acton; said sum to be used

for an extension of the fire alarm circuit from the South Acton Fire Station to the corner of Main and Prospect Streets and for a box to be located at said corner, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for new construction of Main Street from Kelley's Corner to Acton Center; said money to be used in conjunction with \$4,500.00 to be allotted by the County, and \$9,000.00 to be allotted by the State, or act anything thereon.

Approval is recommended.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Approval of the conditions of this article is recommended.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,700.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Approval of this bookkeeping transfer is recommended.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account, for the purpose of oiling the roads and avenues in Mt. Hope Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

The requested appropriation is recommended to provide for the program of continued road maintenance.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$835.00 for repairs to the Acton Memorial Library, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that \$835 be transferred from Surplus Revenue for the purpose indicated.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00, or any other sum, to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment, of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws, (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Sub-section 1, as amended, or act anything thereon.

This is the same amount as requested last year, and approval is recommended.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract with the Water District for hydrant rental at \$25.00 per hydrant annually, or act anything thereon.

It is understood that an annual rental of \$25.00 per hydrant was previously approved by the Town. No information has been presented to justify any increase.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$1,600.00 to be expended under the direction of the Blanchard Auditorium Building Committee, for the payment of unpaid bills, for painting the locker room floors and for the purchase of equipment for the Blanchard Auditorium, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee favors this request.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of

\$400.00 for the installation of an oil burner at the Town Hall, or a t anything thereon.

It is recommended that \$400 be transferred from Surplus Revenue for this item.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for Protection for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies covering loss of life, total disability, weekly indemnity and medical expense coverage, and see if the town will authorize the Finance Committee to hereafter include a sum sufficient for this purpose in the annual budget, or act anything thereon.

This is the same amount requested last year. Approval is recommended.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 as its contribution to the Acton Water District toward the cost of extending a six inch water main from Hosmer Street to the Acton town dump on Massachusetts Avenue, or act anything thereon.

The objective of this article received favorable action under Article 26 of the 1954 Annual Meeting. The sum of \$200 requested this year represents the second of a total of ten annual payments, and approval is recommended.

Article 31. To see if the town wil vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of paying a bill submitted by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer and Dodge for legal services in 1953 in connection with the proposed agreement for the formation of the Nagog Regional School District, or act anything thereon.

Payment of \$50 for the purpose indicated is recommended.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$700.00 for constructing an additional office and conference room on the

first floor of the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee favors this expenditure to continue the program of providing suitable centralized space for the use of boards and committees in their expanding work.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00, or any other sum, to pay the cost of obtaining coverage of various objects suitable for insurance under a boiler and machinery policy, or act anything thereon.

Boiler insurance would protect the town against loss resulting from explosion of equipment, cover replacement of cracked boiler sections on a depreciated basis, result in improved inspection procedures, and increase the safety of persons and property. The town now pays approximately \$200 annually for State boiler inspection, which could be dispensed with inasmuch as similar inspection would be provided under the proposed insurance.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for the purchase of fuel oil for all of the town buildings equipped with oil burners, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee favors the procurement of supplies, heating oil, gasoline, tires, and other requirements of the town on whatever basis will result in maximum economy.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for the purchase of a duplicating machine for the use of the Board of Selectmen and other town departments, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that arrangements be made with the School Department for the use of its duplicating equipment.

Article 36. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five, including two

members of the Planning Board, to compile and publish town ordinances, regulations and by-laws now in effect in Acton.

Compilation of the proposed material is desirable on the condition that it is unnecessary to prepare more than a very limited number of copies for official town use.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for a survey of the pollution of waters in the Town of Acton and correction thereof, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee is opposed to this proposed project. Inasmuch as flagrant situations are already known, a survey is unnecessary.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the extension of water to a place conveniently located in the center of the dump with water house for connection of hose, or act anything thereon.

The Finance Committee disapproves this article. The newly installed hydrant located near the dump, and placed there for fire control, is considered adequate.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$500.00 for the wages of the Inspector of Plumbing, or act anything thereon.

This article represents an opportunity for the voters to determine whether Acton requires the services of a plumbing inspector.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

It is recommended that \$3,000 be raised and appropriated and \$3,000 be transferred from the Overlay Surplus to be used as a Reserve Fund. This is the same amount as last year.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting in not less than six public places in the town to be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this twenty-eighth day of January, 1955.

CARL A. CHRISTOFFERSON
LEO C. CUNNINGHAM
FREDERICK W. ABBT

Selectmen of Acton

A true copy.

Attest: MICHAEL FOLEY,

Constable of Acton.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JANUARY 4, 1954

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Health to enter into a three year contract for collecting and removing garbage from the Town of Acton and the sum of \$4,950.00, or any other sum, be raised and appropriated for garbage removal expense for 1954, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To instruct the Board of Health to enter into a three year contract for collecting and removing garbage from the Town of Acton and that the sum of \$4,950.00 be raised and appropriated for garbage removal expense for 1954.

Voted to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

A true copy. Attest:

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 8, 1954

Article 1. (Officers) To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town.

Chose: Thelma M. Blood trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose: Clarence Frost trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: H. Stuart MacGregor trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: Roy H. Linscott trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen be four hundred dollars per annum and the other members three hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for one evening and twenty-five dollars two evenings for the annual town meeting and ten dollars for each special meeting.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be twelve hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Collector be nineteen hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salaries of the assessors be thirty-four hundred dollars in the aggregate per annum to be apportioned as they may determine.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be four hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Tree Warden be fixed at \$1.35 per hour plus 75 cents per hour for use of a truck.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum, the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum.

Article 2. (Reports) To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers and boards, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the several reports of the town officers.

Voted Unanimously the following resolution: The Town expresses its sincere appreciation to each member of the retired Board of Selectmen for the time and effort which they have expended over many years in the interest of Acton, and requests that the Town Clerk so advise each member by letter.

Article 3. (Reports) To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 4. (Expenses) To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees or officers of the town as follows:

General Government

1	Moderator	\$ 55.00
2	Finance Committee expense	75.00
3	Selectmen's Dept. Salaries and Wages	3,746.00
4	Expenses	200.00
5	Town Accountant Salary and Wages	1,200.00
6	Expenses	150.00
7	Town Treasurer Salary & Wages	1,200.00
8	Expenses	350.00
9	Town Collector Salary & Wages	1,900.00
10	Expenses	350.00
11	Assessors' Salaries and Wages ..	3,750.00
12	Expenses	300.00
13	Town Clerk Salary and Fees ...	800.00
14	Expenses	350.00
15	Elections & Registrations Sal- aries and Wages	1,598.00
16	Expenses	850.00
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17	Total General Government	\$ 16 874.00

Buildings and Grounds

18	Building and Grounds Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,760.00
19	Expenses	3,400.00
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20	Total Buildings and Grounds ...	7,160.00

Protection of Persons and Property

21	Police Salaries and Wages	\$ 17,070.00
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22	Expenses, including cruiser operation and uniforms	4,325.00	
23	Fire Dept. Salaries and Wages .	7,760.00	
24	Expenses	5,961.00	
25	Fire Alarm System Salaries and Wages	3,820.00	
26	Expenses	1,050.00	
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	10,000.00	
28	Sealer Wgts. & Measures Salaries and Wages	250.00	
29	Expenses	50.00	
30	Moth Dept. Salaries and Wages	1,500.00	
31	Expenses	1,200.00	
32	Tree Warden Salary and Wages	1,600.00	
33	Expenses	1,000.00	
34	Wire Inspector, Salary & Travel	750.00	
35	Expenses	100.00	
36	Dog Officer	450.00	
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37	Total Protection		56,886.00

Health and Sanitation

38	Board of Health Salaries and Wages	50.00	
39	Expenses	400.00	
40	Town and School Nurse	3,100.00	
41	Expenses	750.00	
42	Board of Health Agent Salary ..	300.00	
43	Expenses	450.00	
44	Clerical Wages	800.00	
44a	Inspector Milk & Food Salary ..	.....
45	Clerical Expense	300.00	
45a	Inspector's Expense .....	.....
46	Custodian Town Dump Salary .	3,200.00	
47	Expenses	700.00	
48	State Sanatorium	2,500.00	
49	Medical Supplies	150.00	
50	School Clinic	300.00	
51	Substitute Nurse	300.00	
52	Garbage Collection		

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53	Inspector of Animals	150.00	
54	Expenses	25.00	
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55	Total Heath and Sanitation ...		13,475.00

Highways

56	Village Highways	3,000.00	
57	Chapter 81 Highways	8,550.00	
58	Chapter 90 Highways	1,200.00	
59	Snow Removal	13,000.00	
60	Traffic Signs—Lines	500.00	
61	Granite Marker Restoration	
62	Highway Vacations	700.00	
63	Street Lighting	6,568.00	
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64	Total Highways		33,518.00

Charities

65	Welfare District Administration and Welfare Board Salaries	1,475.00	
66	General Relief	3,000.00	
67	Old Age Assistance	41,000.00	
68	Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00	
69	Disability Assistance	3,500.00	
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70	Total Charities		53,975.00

Veterans' Aid

71	Veterans' Benefits Salary and Wages	200.00	
72	Expenses	150.00	
73	Veterans' Benefits Expenditures	5,000.00	
74	Veterans' Services Salary and Wages	900.00	

75	Expenses	50.00	
76	Total Veterans' Aid		6,300.00

Education

77	Instruction	135 360.80	
78	Textbooks and Supplies	11,247.53	
79	Plant Operation	25,250.00	
80	Maintenance	1,350.00	
81	Auxiliary Agencies	21,225.00	
82	General Control	9,400.00	
83	Outlay	3,225.00	
84	Contingency Fund	700.00	
85	Total Education		\$207,758.33

Libraries

86	Libraries Salaries and Wages .	2,100.00	
87	Expenses	971.00	
88	Books	660.00	
89	Total Libraries		3,731.00

Recreation

90	Playgrounds—both fields	1,500.00	
91	Skating rink	200.00	
92	Total Recreation		1,700.00

Cemeteries

93	Cemeteries Salaries and Wages (incl. Vacations)	9,500.00	
94	Expenses	2,500.00	
95	Total Cemeteries		12,000.00

Unclassified

96	Town Reports	1,500.00	
97	Workmen's Compensation	2,000.00	
98	Surety Bonds	600.00	
99	Town Counsel (legal Services) .	500.00	
100	Fire Insurance Town Bldgs. ...	1,850.00	
101	Memorial Day	600.00	
102	Pension Fund	2,192.45	
103	Pension Fund Expense	150.80	
104	Military Service Fund	49.09	
105	Miscellaneous	1,500.00	
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106	Total Unclassified		10,942.34

Maturing Debt and Interest

107	Maturing Debt (Elem. and High Schools)	16,000.00	
108	Interest (Elem. & High Schools)	5,560.00	
109	Blanchard Auditorium Maturing Debt	20,000.00	
110	Interest (Blanchard Auditor'm)	2,000.00	
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111	Total Debt and Interest		43,560.00
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112	Total Budget		\$467,879.67

Special Articles

Art. 5.	Vocational Tuition	2,500.00
Art. 6.	Physical Education	500.00
Art. 10.	Replacement of Shade Trees	250.00
Art. 11.	Eradication of Poison Ivy ..	1,000.00
Art. 12.	Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00
Art. 13.	Town Forest	100.00
Art. 15.	Water Safety Account	500.00
Art. 16.	Insurance Fire Dept.	375.00
Art. 17.	Stabilization Fund	5,000.00
Art. 20.	New Construction (Main St.)	3,750.00

Art. 22. Radios and Alternators Fire Dept.	1,825.00
Art. 23. Officer and Employee Insurance	1 200.00
Art. 24. Memorial Library Counter .	410.00
Art. 25. Blanchard Auditorium Maintenance	4,000.00
Art. 26. Acton Water District (Hosmer St.)	2,000.00
Art. 27. Town Collector (adding machine)	225.00
Art. 29. Fire Dept. (pump forestry truck)	300.00
Art. 30. Police Dept. (new cruiser and radio)	3,200.00
Art. 32 Highway Dept. (new snow plow)	500.00
Art. 34. West Acton Fire Station (fireproofing boiler room)	425.00
Art. 35. South Acton Fire Station (new heating system)	1,550.00
Art. 38. Acton Planning Board	500.00
Art. 39. State Census	700.00
Art. 40. Pony League Baseball	300.00
Art. 44. Reserve Fund	3,000.00
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Total to be raised and appropriated under Special Articles	35,110.00
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Total to be raised and appropriated ..	\$502,989.67

Transfers

Art. 9. Machinery Account	\$2,700.00
Art. 14. Tree Dept. (chain saw, etc.)	600.00
Art. 18. Cemetery Dept. (electric generator)	500.00
Art. 21. Highways	29,325.00
Art. 31. Highway Dept. (tractor load-	

er)	2,200.00	
Art. 44. Reserve Fund	3,000.00	
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Total Transfers		38,325.00
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Grand Total		\$541,314.67

Article 5. (Vocational Tuition) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred (2500) dollars for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to be expended by the School Committee for the purchase of a tractor-mowing machine, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 8. (High School) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of rehabilitating the present High School, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 9. (Machinery Fund) To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,700.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of Twenty-seven (2700) hundred dollars from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Article 10. (Shade Trees) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred fifty (250) dollars for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees.

Article 11. (Poison Ivy) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 or any other sum, for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand (1000) dollars for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds.

Article 12. (Dutch Elm Disease) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand (1000) dollars for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949.

Article 13. (Town Forest) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for thinning out of hardwood trees in the Town Forest, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred (100) dollars for the thinning out of hardwood trees in the Town Forest.

Article 14. (Chain Saw) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase of an Electric Chain Saw, Generator and Flood Light for the Tree Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Six hundred (600) dollars for the purchase of an Electric Chain Saw, Generator and Flood Light for the Tree Department.

Article 15. (Water Safety Program) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department.

Article 16. (Firemen Insurance) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for the Protection of Members of Volunteer Fire Companies covering loss of life, total disability, weekly indemnity and medical expense coverage, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred seventy-five (375) dollars for Protection to members

of Volunteer Fire Companies covering loss of life, total disability, weekly indemnity and medical expense coverage.

Article 17. (Fire Apparatus Depreciation Fund) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, or some other sum, to be set aside as a Fire Apparatus Depreciation Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of Five thousand (5000) dollars be raised and appropriated to the credit of the Stabilization Fund as authorized under Chapter 40, Section 5B; and that the sum of Five thousand (5000) dollars in the Fire Apparatus Depreciation Fund, established by vote of the town under Article 19 of the Annual Meeting of March 9, 1953, be transferred to said Stabilization Fund.

Article 18. (Cemetery Trimmer and Power Mower) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$500.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of an electric generating set, trimmer and a power mower for the Cemetery Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars for the purchase of an electric generating set, trimmer and a power mower for the Cemetery Department.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$425.00, or any other sum, for the installation of four (4) poles, transformer and wires, for the purpose of installing electricity and telephone service in the office at Mt. Hope Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Motion did not prevail.

Article 20. (Highway Construction) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for new construction of Main Street from Kelley's Corner to

Acton Center; said money to be used in conjunction with \$4,000.00 to be allotted by the County, and \$8,000.00 to be allotted by the State, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand seven hundred fifty (3750) dollars for new construction of Main Street from Kelley's Corner to Acton Center; said money to be used in conjunction with three thousand seven hundred fifty (3750) dollars to be allotted by the County, and Seven thousand five hundred (7500) to be allotted by the State.

Article 21. (Highways) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$29,325.00 provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account. This sum to be made up as follows:

Chapter 81 Maintenance State	\$15,675.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance State	1,200.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance County	1,200.00
New Construction State	7,500.00
New Construction County	3,750.00
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	\$29,325.00

Article 22. (Fire Dept.) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,825.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of two or more radios and Alternators for the Fire Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen hundred twenty five (1825) dollars for the purchase of two or more radios and alternators for the Fire Department.

Article 23. (Insurance) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 or any other sum, to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Sub-section 1, as amended, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve hundred (1200) dollars, to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Sub-section 1, as amended.

Article 24. (Memorial Library) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$410.00 to replace the present counter and grating at the Acton Memorial Library with a new charge desk, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred ten (410) dollars to replace the present counter and grating at the Acton Memorial Library with a new charge desk.

Article 25. (Blanchard Auditorium) To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to maintain and operate the Blanchard Auditorium, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand (4000) dollars to maintain and operate the Blanchard Auditorium.

Article 26. (Water Extension) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3 000.00 (approx.) as a guarantee to the Acton Water District toward the extension of the present 6 inch main on Concord Road along Hosmer Street to Massachusetts Avenue (now Route 2), thence to the Acton town dump on Massachusetts Avenue. This sum to be spent \$300.00 each year for a period of 10 years as the Town's share in defraying the interest on said extension, or as payment for the water used at the dump, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of Two thousand (2000) dollars be raised and appropriated as a guarantee to the Acton Water District toward the extension of a water main to the Town dump; that payments shall not be in excess of \$200 per annum for a period not in excess of 10 years, and that said payments shall be credited against charges billed to the Town for the services established on said extension.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225.00 for the purchase of an adding machine for the office of the Town Collector and authorize him to trade-in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred twenty five (225) dollars for the purchase of an adding machine for the office of the Town Collector and authorize him to trade-in or sell the old one.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and either raise or transfer a sum of money for the Acton Members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee and authorize them to appoint one of their members as Agent to familiarize the members with the arrangement and construction of the Blanchard Auditorium as may pertain to the future operation and maintenance thereof and fix the compensation of said Agent, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant at request of the Acton Members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee).

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 29. (Pump Forest Truck) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a pump for the forestry truck and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred (300) dollars for the purchase of a pump for the forestry truck and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old one.

Article 30. (Cruiser) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a new cruiser and radio for same for the Police Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty two hundred (3200) dollars for the purchase of a new cruiser and radio for same for the Police Department.

Article 31. (Tractor loader) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Machinery Fund, the sum of \$2,200.00 for the purchase of a tractor-loader for the Highway Department and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old one, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Machinery Fund the sum of Twenty two hundred (2200) dollars for the purchase of a tractor-loader for the Highway Department and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old one.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of a new snow plow for the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars for the purchase of a new snow plow for the Highway Department.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,250.00 for the extension of the Fire Alarm System for the Town of Acton; \$750.00 of which to be used for the extension of circuits and \$1,500.00 for the installation of ten fire alarm boxes, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425.00 for fireproofing the boiler room of the West Acton Fire Station, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred twenty-five (425) dollars for fireproofing the boiler room of the West Acton Fire Station.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,550.00 for the purchase and installation of a heating system in the South Acton Fire Station, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen hundred fifty (1550) dollars for the purchase and installation of a heating system in the South Acton Fire Station.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the installation of street lights on eleven poles on Central Street from Elm Street to Nashoba Road, West Acton, or act anything thereon. (Requested by a petition bearing eighteen (18) signatures).

Voted. To pass over the article.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to study the needs of additional equipment for the Acton Fire Department and report to the town at the next annual or special town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Motion did not prevail.

Article 38. (Planning Board) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00, or any other sum, for the Acton Planning Board, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars for the Acton Planning Board.

Article 39. (State Census) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the taking of the State Census beginning January 1, 1955, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred (700) dollars for the taking of the State Census beginning January 1, 1955.

Article 40. (Pony League Baseball) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the use of Pony League baseball in this area, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing ten (10) signatures).

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred (300) dollars for the use of Pony League baseball in this area.

Article 41. (Haynes Court) To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more traveled way, extending in an easterly direction from Arlington Street, a distance of approximately 251 feet plus an 80 foot circle, said road to be known as Haynes Court, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing ten (10) signatures).

Voted: To accept the plan of a town road which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more traveled way, extending in an easterly

direction from Arlington Street, a distance of approximately 251 feet plus an 80 foot circle, said road to be known as Haynes Court.

Article 42. (Mohawk Drive) To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more traveled way, extending in an easterly and northerly direction from Central Street, to Seneca Road, a distance of approximately 2,250 feet, said road to be known as Mohawk Drive, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing eleven (11) signatures).

Voted: To accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot or more traveled way, extending in an easterly and northerly direction from Central Street to Seneca Road, a distance of approximately 2,250 feet, said road to be known as Mohawk Drive.

Article 43. (Seneca Road) To see if the town will vote to accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width and a 24 foot or more traveled way, extending in an easterly direction from the way now known as Mohawk Drive, a distance of approximately 570 feet, said road to be known as Seneca Road, or act anything thereon. (Inserted in warrant on petition bearing eleven (11) signatures).

Voted: To accept the plan of a town road, which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width and a 24 foot or more traveled way, extending in an easterly direction from the way now known as Mohawk Drive, a distance of approximately 570 feet, said road to be known as Seneca Road.

Article 44. To see if the town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate Three thousand (3000) dollars and to transfer Three thousand (3000) dollars to be used as a Reserve Fund from the Overlay Surplus.

Adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 17, 1954

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to accept an Act to authorize the placing of the positions of the regular police or permanent members of the police force of the Town of Acton under the civil service laws as provided in Chapter 212 of the Acts of 1954, viz: (Chapter 212) An Act placing the positions of the regular or permanent members of the police force of the Town of Acton under the Civil Service laws.

Be it enacted, etc. as follows:

Section 1. The positions of the regular or permanent members of the police force of the town of Acton shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules relating to police officers in towns, and the tenure of office of any incumbent thereof who, on said effective date, shall have served a minimum of two years of regular duty, shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws; provided, that he shall pass a qualifying examination for said position, to which he shall be subjected by the division of civil service; and provided, further, that if any such incumbent does not pass such qualifying examination he may continue to serve in such position or office, but shall not be subject to said laws and rules.

Section 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters of said town present and

voting thereon at a special or annual town meeting held in the current year, but not otherwise.

Voted: To accept an act to authorize the placing of the positions of the regular or permanent members of the police force of the Town of Acton under the civil service laws as provided in Chapter 212 of the Acts of 1954, viz: (Chapter 212) An Act placing the positions of the regular or permanent members of the police force of the Town of Acton under the Civil Service laws.

Be it enacted, etc, as follows:

Section 1. The positions of the regular or permanent members of the police force of the Town of Acton, shall upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules relating to police officers in towns, and the tenure of office of any incumbent thereof, who, on said effective date, have served a minimum of two years of regular duty, shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws; provided, that he shall pass a qualifying examination for said position, to which he shall be subjected by the division of civil service; and provided further, that if any such incumbent does not pass such qualifying examination he may continue to serve in such position or office, but shall not be subject to said laws and rules.

Moderator called for a hand vote and appointed the following tellers.

Dana Hinckley
Thomas Motley
Thomas Wetherbee
Ormal Sidney Laffin
Robert Stow
Carl Godfrey

Vote

Yes	128
No	103

Article 2. To see whether the town will approve or disapprove the amount of debt authorized by the following action of the Nagog Regional School District Committee: **Voted** that pursuant to Section 16 (d) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended and for the purpose therein set out, \$1,200,000 bonds of Nagog Regional School District shall be issued from time to time, payable over a period of twenty years from their respective dates in substantially equal installments, provided this shall not require the amount of any such installment to be other than a multiple of \$5,000. The detail and form of such bonds shall be fixed by the regional district school committee, and the bonds shall be sold by the district treasurer with the approval of the said committee.

Article 2. **Voted:** That the town approve the amount of debt authorized by the following action of the Nagog Regional School District Committee: **Voted** that pursuant to Section 16 (d) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended and for the purposes therein set out, \$1,200,000 bonds of Nagog Regional School District shall be issued from time to time, payable over a period of twenty years from their respective dates in substantially equal annual installments, provided this shall not require the amount of any such installment to be other than a multiple of \$5,000. The detail and form of such bonds shall be fixed by the Regional District School Committee, and the bonds shall be sold by the District Treasurer with the approval of the said committee.

Voted to adjourn at 9:05 P.M.

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 28, 1954

Article 1. (Veterans' Benefits) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$4,000.00 for Veterans' Benefits under Chapter 115 of the General Laws as amended, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (4000) dollars for Veterans' Benefits.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$2,470.00 for the Board of Health for the following purposes:

Dump Expenses	\$ 400.00
Agents expenses	300.00
Clerical expenses	1,120.00
Board of Health Expenses	350.00
Inspector of Milk & Food..	300.00

\$ 2 470.00

or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen hundred seventy (1870) dollars for the following purposes:

Dump Expenses	\$ 400.00
Clerical expenses	1,120.00
Board of Health Expenses	350.00

\$ 1,870.00

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$83,000.00 for the replacement, repair, and modification of the high school lighting, plumbing, heating, and ventilation systems to meet State Department of Public Safety requirements, and for other recommended improvements to the building facilities, or act anything thereon .

Voted: To make available the sum of twenty-four thousand five hundred (24,500) dollars for the purposes enumerated herein, that eight thousand five hundred (8,500) dollars of this sum be transferred from Surplus Revenue and the balance be raised by taxation, and that the money be used in the rehabilitation of High School for the following purposes: \$12,000.00 for a new boiler, oil burner, oil tank, controls and related equipment, and the installation of same; \$8,500.00 for new lighting fixtures in the classrooms and other areas, and necessary related wiring and equipment; \$4,000.00 for the renovation and repair of the boys and girls locker rooms, toilet rooms and drying areas, and for new lockers and other necessary equipment and additions.

Voted: To adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 1954 AT 8:00 P.M.

Article 1. (Gift to Library) To see if the town will vote to accept the bequest of \$1,000.00 by Arthur E. Davis to the Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To accept the bequest of One thousand (1000) dollars by Arthur F. Davis to the Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library.

Article 2. (Auditorium and Gymnasium) To see if the town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance in the Elementary School Building Account to the Auditorium and Gymnasium Building Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer the sum of Eighty-five hundred (8500) dollars from the Elementary School Building Account to the Auditorium and Gymnasium Building Account.

Article 3. (High School Bldg.Com.) To determine if the town will vote to authorize the appointment by the Selectmen, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the School Committee, of a committee to be known as the "High School Building Committee", which committee is to consist of two members from the school committee and five members from the town at large, that said committee consider the needs of the town with respect to high school accommodations and be authorized to employ expert professional architects, engineers and consultants to prepare preliminary plans, specifications and cost estimates for the construction and equipping of a high school and the landscaping of accompanying athletic fields and playgrounds; that said committee report its findings and recommendations accompanied by said plans, specifications and cost estimates, to a special town meeting or to the Annual Town Meeting; that the sum of \$7,000.00 be appropriated for the use of said committee and that said sum be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Fund or from other available funds.

Voted Unanimously: That the Town authorize the appointment of a committee to be known as "The High School Building Committee", that this committee shall consist of seven members, that two members be appointed by the school committee from its membership, and that five members be appointed by the Selectmen, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Chairman of the School Committee from the town at large; that said committee consider the needs of the town with respect to high school accommodations and be authorized to employ expert professional architects, engineers and consultants to prepare preliminary plans, specifications and cost estimates for the construction and equipping of a high school and the landscaping of accompanying athletic fields and playgrounds; that said committee report its findings and recommendations accompanied by said plans, specifications and cost estimates, to a town meeting at the earliest possible date, and that the sum of Seven thousand (7000) dollars be raised by taxation for the use of said committee. Committee appointed November 9, 1954 as follows: Thomas E. Wetherbee, Dana B. Hinckley, Aubrey C.

Kretschmar, Elizabeth H. Boardman, Norman McIntosh, George E. Neagle and Porter G. Jenks.

Article 4. (Town Dump) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the operation of the Town Dump from the Board of Health to the Highway Department as of January 1, 1955, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 5. (Drainage Survey) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to continue the survey of storm water drainage, being conducted by the Planning Board, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer from the Surplus revenue Account the sum of Thirty-five hundred (3500) dollars to continue the survey of storm water drainage, being conducted by the Planning Board.

Article 6. (Mohawk Drive) To see if the town will vote to accept the plan which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, of a Town Road, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot paved way extending northerly as a continuation of Mohawk Drive from Seneca Road to Nashoba Road, a distance of approximately 1440 feet, said road to be known as Mohawk Drive, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To accept the plan which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, of a Town Road, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width with a 24 foot paved way extending northerly as a continuation of Mohawk Drive to Seneca Road to Nashoba Road, a distance of approximately 1440 feet, said road to be known as Mohawk Drive.

Article 7. (Zoning By-Law) To see if the town will amend Section II of the Zoning By-Law by adding Paragraph 3, to read as follows:

Signs and advertising devices are not to be con-

sidered structures under this law but shall be licensed by the Selectmen after the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Professional and Real Estate signs of 6 square feet in area or less do not require a license.
or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 8. (Welfare Funds) To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from Disability Assistance to General Relief.

Voted: To transfer the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars from Disability Assistance to General Relief.

Article 9. (Warner Judgment) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of satisfying a judgment obtained against the Town by Harry Warner for land taken by the Town under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for 8 P.M. on May 19, 1952 and described as Parcel 1; and for necessary costs and legal fees for defending said action, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Fund the sum of Thirteen hundred (1300) dollars for the purpose of satisfying the balance of a judgment obtained against the town by Harry Warner for land taken by the town for school purposes under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for 8:00 P.M. on May 19, 1952 and described as Parcel 1, and for other necessary costs and legal fees for defending said action.

Voted to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTION, MARCH 1, 1954

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3.	Total
Whole number of ballots cast	344	450	439	1233

MODERATOR, one year

Albert P. Durkee	310	356	377	1043
Scattered	1	2		3
Blanks	33	92	62	187

TOWN CLERK, one year

Harlan E. Tuttle	320	401	410	1131
Scattered	1			1
Blanks	23	49	29	101

SELECTMAN, three years

Frederick W. Abbt	220	207	216	643
Harry E. Holt	14	47	36	97
James Edward Kinsley	99	160	183	442
Blanks	11	36	4	51

SELECTMAN, One year, to fill vacancy

Carl A. Christofferson	103	202	200	505
Walter Warren Custance	97	90	78	265
Charles D. MacPherson	141	124	138	403
Blanks	3	34	23	60

SELECTMAN, Two years, to fill vacancy

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3.	Total
William L. Chipman	100	68	59	227
Leo C. Cunningham, Jr.	77	119	157	353
Walter E. Hobson	28	57	24	109
James J. Mulvany	45	78	76	199
Alvin R. Piper	84	119	102	305
Blanks	10	9	21	40

ASSESSOR, three years

James W. Baker	324	390	411	1125
Blanks	20	60	28	108

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, three years

Lossie E. Laird	314	381	385	1080
Blanks	30	69	54	153

TREASURER, one year

Wm. Henry Soar	322	393	406	1121
Blanks	22	57	33	112

TOWN COLLECTOR, one year

Charles M. MacRae	324	396	412	1132
Blanks	20	54	27	101

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, three years

Dana B. Hinckley	202	242	211	655
Edmond J. McNiff	218	251	273	742
Walter A. Stevens	183	217	236	636
Blanks	85	190	158	433

CONSTABLES, one year

Edward J. Collins	308	365	384	1057
Michael Foley	314	383	394	1091
T. Frederick S. Kennedy	311	362	390	1063
Ivar Peterson	318	360	384	1062
Blanks	125	328	202	655
Scattered		2	2	4

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, three years

Ray L. Harris	307	378	399	1084
Blanks	37	72	40	149

BOARD OF HEALTH, three years

Martin J. Duggan	317	379	408	1104
Blanks	27	71	31	129

TRUSTEE OF MEMORIAL LIBRARY, three years

Florence A. Merriam	320	394	398	1112
Blanks	24	56	40	120
Scattered			1	1

TREE WARDEN, one year

Franklin H. Charter	324	378	407	1109
Blanks	20	72	32	124

PLANNING BOARD, one year

Bernard F. Harrison	32	85	74	191
William R. Rawitser	61	188	138	387
Robert M. Stow	226	114	151	491
Blanks	25	63	76	164

PLANNING BOARD, two years

Donald P. Felt	128	65	71	264
T. Frederick S. Kennedy	88	116	187	391
Thomas Motley, II	109	212	141	462
Blanks	19	57	40	116

PLANNING BOARD, three years

Richard A. Gallant	148	280	313	741
Otto O. Pasanen	180	116	100	396
Blanks	16	54	26	96

PLANNING BOARD, four years

Warren A. Silva	37	67	144	248
Frederick S. Whitcomb	255	295	267	817
Blanks	52	88	28	168

PLANNING BOARD, five years

Aubrey C. Kretschmar	282	329	376	987
Blanks	62	121	63	246

NAGOG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COM., two years

Roger Crafts	293	331	372	996
Blanks	51	119	67	237

NAGOG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COM., three years

Elizabeth H. Boardman	232	226	170	628
James Edward Kinsley	106	170	250	526
Blanks	6	54	19	79

STATE ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 2, 1954

R. Republican	S. L. Socialist Labor			
D. Democratic	P. Prohibition			
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3.	Total
Whole number of ballots cast .	554	663	639	1856

GOVERNOR

Christian A. Herter, R.	472	538	508	1518
Robert F. Murphy, D.	76	122	128	326
Lawrence Gilfedder, S. L.	1	0	1	2
Guy S. Williams, P.	1	0	0	1
Blanks	4	3	2	9

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Sumner G. Whittier, R.	473	540	518	1531
James A. Burke, D.	73	116	118	307
Donald E. Babcock, P.	0	0	0	0
Francis A. Votano, S. L.	3	0	0	3
Blanks	5	7	3	15

SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin, D.	110	177	162	449
Michael J. McCarthy, R.	428	464	459	1351
Fred M. Ingersoll, S. L.	2	1	0	3
William D. Ross, P.	1	4	1	6
Blanks	13	17	17	47

TREASURER

John F. Kennedy, D.	91	166	157	414
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Augustus G. Means, R.	451	484	473	1408
Henning A. Blomen, S. L.	1	1	0	2
Isaac Goddard, P.	1	0	0	1
Blanks	10	12	9	31

AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley, D.	132	191	191	514
William P. Constantino, R. ...	405	455	433	1293
John B. Lauder, P.	2	1	0	3
Anthony Martin, S. L.	1	1	0	2
Blanks	14	15	15	44

ATTORNEY GENERAL

George Fingold, R.	477	540	518	1535
John F. Collins, D.	69	114	118	301
Howard B. Rand, P.	0	1	0	1
Malcolm T. Rowe, S. L.	1	3	0	4
Blanks	7	5	3	15

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall, R.	448	514	513	1475
Foster Furcolo, D.	98	139	122	359
Thelma Ingersoll, S. L.	0	1	0	1
Harold J. Ireland, P.	1	1	0	2
Scattered	0	1	0	1
Blanks	7	7	4	18

CONGRESSMAN

Edith Nourse Rogers, R.	527	620	601	1748
Scattered	0	1	0	1
Blanks	27	42	38	107

COUNCILLOR

Endicott Peabody, D.	85	118	110	313
David B. Williams, R.	461	532	518	1511
Emma J. Nally, P.	0	2	2	4
Blanks	8	11	9	28

SENATOR

Richard I. Furbush, R.	471	534	521	1526
James J. Vahey, D.	73	116	108	297
Blanks	10	13	10	33

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Edward J. DeSaulnier, Jr., R.	506	573	581	1660
Blanks	48	90	58	196

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

George E. Thompson, R.	460	518	501	1479
Joseph V. Carroll, D.	80	123	120	323
Blanks	14	22	18	54

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

Warren J. Fitzgerald, R.	463	506	491	1460
John J. Foley, D.	74	133	130	337
Blanks	17	24	18	59

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Thomas B. Brennan, D.	93	142	142	377
Alan G. Adams, R.	445	495	480	1420
Blanks	16	26	17	59

COUNTY TREASURER

Charles P. Howard, R.	454	507	478	1439
Timothy J. Cronin, D.	86	131	142	359
Blanks	14	25	19	58

QUESTION NO. 1

Alcoholic Beverages

A. Whiskey and Rum

Yes	194	287	240	721
No	285	278	308	871
Blanks	75	98	91	264

B. Wines and Beer

Yes	192	292	241	725
No	265	255	287	807
Blanks	97	116	111	324

C. Package Store

Yes	369	399	441	1209
No	143	177	150	470
Blanks	42	87	48	177

QUESTION NO. 2

A. Pari-Mutuel System—Horse Racing

Yes	179	272	275	726
No	302	288	282	872
Blanks	73	103	82	258

B. Pari-Mutuel System—Dog Racing

Yes	145	244	221	610
No	318	285	301	904
Blanks	91	134	117	342

QUESTION NO. 3

“Shall the State Senator from this district be instructed to vote for a resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation providing for a pension of not less than \$100 per month to all retired citizens at 65 years of age or over?”

Yes	338	462	407	1207
No	157	113	156	426
Blanks	59	88	76	223

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits the reports of the several departments under its supervision.

Your present Board assumed office on March 2, 1954 and since that time has held regular meetings every week and a number of special meetings have been held as the need arose.

Meetings have been held with various town departments and with state departments regarding matters of interest to the Town.

During the past year, the Selectmen have been responsible for the initiation of enforcement of the Zoning By-Laws and for the appointment of a Board of Appeals to hear petitions from decisions of the Board of Selectmen and to grant variances in those cases where undue hardship would be inflicted upon land owners if required to follow the letter of the Zoning By-Law. The past year has also seen the election of a Planning Board by means of which the Town may reasonably expect that future growth and development will be controlled for the best interests of all of the people of Acton.

Various articles are being placed in the Warrant for a new fire truck, which will be financed out of past appropriations to the Stabilization Fund and by an additional appropriation thereto. We are also including articles which relate to the repair of various town owned and operated facilities. There also has arisen, due entirely to the rapid growth of the population of Acton, greatly increased burdens on each of our town departments. We have not yet reached the point where any additions should be made to our permanent staff, but we do need additional office space for the different town departments, for example, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors spends a large portion of the day at the Town Hall performing the duties required of him. The Planning Board meets regularly and has difficulty in finding space which could be utilized for its purposes. The addition of at least one office would greatly aid your elected officials in the performance of their duties.

Hurricane damage to homes and other buildings, in September, with one exception, was slight. These hurricanes, because of fallen trees and broken tree limbs along our highways, were responsible for the expenditure of several thousand dollars, most of which will be returned to us by the Commonwealth. The townspeople, although greatly inconvenienced by failure of electrical and telephone facilities, were very patient and co-operative during the restoration of these services.

Because of the hurricanes, we were unable to complete work scheduled for 1954 on widening Main Street. This work, however, will be completed and a further stretch of road will be widened to complete this work from the Carlisle line to Massachusetts Avenue. This project will be continued in following years until Main Street has been widened to the Maynard line.

Your Board takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for the prompt and active cooperation, not only by town officials and boards, but also to those townspeople whose interest has prompted them either to express appreciation for the acts of the Board or for their active and valued advice in matters which relate to the present and future welfare of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. CHRISTOFFERSON

LEO C. CUNNINGHAM

FREDERICK W. ABBT

Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

Carl A. Christofferson	Term Expires 1955
Leo C. Cunningham	Term Expires 1956
Frederick W. Abbt	Term Expires 1957

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

Carl C. Flint	Term Expires 1955
Albert P. Durkee	Term Expires 1956
James W. Baker	Term Expires 1957

Town Collector

Charles M. MacRae

Tree Warden

Franklin H. Charter

Board of Public Welfare

A. Perry Marble	Term Expires 1955
Walter B. Stevens	Term Expires 1956
Lossie E. Laird	Term Expires 1957

Constables

Frederick S. Kennedy
Ivar Peterson

Michael Foley
Edward J. Collins

Cemetery Commissioners

Howard F. Jones	.....Term Expires 1955
Harry E. Holt	.....Term Expires 1956
Ray L. Harris	.....Term Expires 1957

School Committee

*Frederick W. Abbt	.....Term Expires 1955
Leonard A. Godfrey, Jr.	.....Term Expires 1955
Thomas E. Wetherbee	.....Term Expires 1956
†Leo C. Cunningham	.....Term Expires 1956
Edmond J. McNiff	.....Term Expires 1957
Dana B. Hinckley	.....Term Expires 1957
**Craig E. Lundberg	
††Alvin R. Piper	

*Resigned

**Elected to replace *

†Resigned

††Elected to replace †

Trustees of Memorial Library

Frederick T. Heyliger	.....Term Expires 1955
Vesta B. Thompson	.....Term Expires 1956
Florence A. Merriam	.....Term Expires 1957

Board of Health

O. Lawrence Clark	.....Term Expires 1955
Herbert L. Leusher	.....Term Expires 1956
Martin J. Duggan	.....Term Expires 1957

Agent of Board of Health

Edward J. Higgins

Planning Board

Robert M. Stow	Term Expires 1955
Thomas Motley, II	Term Expires 1956
Richard A. Gallant	Term Expires 1957
Frederick S. Whitcomb	Term Expires 1958
Aubrey C. Kretschmar	Term Expires 1959

Nagog Regional School District Committee

Roger Crafts	Term Expires 1956
Elizabeth H. Boardman	Term Expires 1957

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Helen B. Wood	Term Expires 1955
Clara L. Sawyer	Term Expires 1956
Thelma M. Blood	Term Expires 1957

Trustees of West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

James B. Wilson	Term Expires 1955
Arno H. Perkins	Term Expires 1956
H. Stuart MacGregor	Term Expires 1957

Trustees of Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Herbert W. Merriam	Term Expires 1955
Frederick T. Kennedy	Term Expires 1956
Clarence Frost	Term Expires 1957

Trustees of Goodnow Fund

Horace F. Tuttle	Term Expires 1955
Frank E. Greenough	Term Expires 1956
Roy H. Linscott	Term Expires 1957

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTMEN — 1954

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milbery

Office:—Town Hall

Hours: 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Meetings: Board of Selectmen, Tuesday evenings at 7:30

Board of Public Welfare

First and third Mondays at 1:00 P.M.

Finance Committee

Robert F. Charles	Edward S. Boyden
Bradford S. Leach	*Norman McIntosh
Roger M. Myrick	John M. Whittier
	**John M. Goddard
*Resigned	**Appointed to replace *

Board of Appeals

Hayward S. Houghton	.....Term Expires 1955
Edward M. Ferry	.....Term Expires 1956
Otto O. Pasanen	.....Term Expires 1957

Associates

H. Bradford Sturtevant, III	.....Term Expires 1955
Donald W. Parker	.....Term Expires 1956

Superintendent of Streets

Russell C. Berry

Town Accountant

Donald O. NylanderTerm Expires 1956
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Registrars of Voters

Julia A. BarryTerm Expires 1955
James B. WilsonTerm Expires 1956
Grace J. Cullinane	.....Term Expires 1957
Harlan E. Tuttle	.....Ex-Officio

Election Officers

Precinct I

Warden — Irene F. McLaughlin
Clerk — Paul C. Cornwall
Inspector — Marion C. Jewell

Inspector — Mary F. McCarthy
Deputy Warden — John F. McLaughlin
Deputy Clerk — Helen R. Edwards
Deputy Inspector — Edith M. Hollowell
Deputy Inspector — Leo T. McCarthy
Teller — Inga Frost
Teller — Katherine M. Condon

Precinct II

Warden — Doris Soar
Clerk — Gladys M. Connolly
Inspector — Marian L. Piper
Inspector — Sophia Walsh
Deputy Warden — Margaret Larsen
Deputy Clerk — Bertha Carr Tucker
Deputy Inspector — Hazel P. Vose
Deputy Inspector — Michael J. Walsh
Teller — Martha I. Lowden
Teller — Mabel S. McKelvie

Precinct III

Warden — Barbara J. McPhee
Clerk — Phyllis K. Sprague
Inspector — Barbara Nylander
Inspector — Martin J. Duggan
Deputy Warden — Harry E. Holt
Deputy Clerk — Annie E. McCarthy
Deputy Inspector — Florence E. Lowd
Deputy Inspector — Genevieve L. Hatch
Teller — Minnie C. Veasie
Teller — Mary H. Prentice

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer
Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer — Precinct I
Lloyd W. Priest, Asst. Engineer — Precinct II
Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer — Precinct III

Inspector of Animals

Arno H. Perkins

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Dog Officer

Carl W. Flint

Sealer of Weights and Measures

A. Perry Marble

Town Forest Committee

Arno H. PerkinsTerm Expires 1955

Emery D. NelsonTerm Expires 1956

Franklin H. CharterTerm Expires 1957

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Oliver D. Wood

E. John Torkelsen

Fence Viewers

Laurence Hadley

Louis F. Leveroni

Foster R. MacKinnon

Field Drivers

Arno H. Perkins

George Kemp

Superintendent of Moth Work

Franklin H. Charter

Inspector of Wires

Kenneth L. Duffy

Police Officers

***Michael Foley, Chief**

Edward J. Collins, Jr.	Russell C. Berry
Chauncey R. Fenton, Jr.	Carl W. Flint
Warren F. Birch	Ray L. Harris
David W. Scribner	Roy H. Linscott
Benjamin F. Rice	Arthur Fraser
Viola M. Foley	Franklin H. Charter
James P. Conheeney, Jr.	Orma L. Clark
Louis F. Leveroni	Edward J. Higgins
William J. Durkin, Jr.	John F. Canessa
T. Frederick S. Kennedy	J. Henry Engman
	Edward R. Kelly

***Civil Service — Permanent**

Burial Agent

Benjamin F. Rice

Veterans' Agent

Benjamin F. Rice

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

Frederic W. Rimbach

Superintendent of Goward Field

Frederic W. Rimbach

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Theron A. Lowden

Director of Veterans' Services

Theron A. Lowden

Public Weighers

William Braman
G. Howard Reed
A. W. Davis
Philip Newell
Thomas Hearon
Carl W. Flint

Albert R. Jenks
Porter G. Jenks
Louise Garceau
Ruth Durkin
Otis J. Reed
Harold A. Merriam

Fire Alarm Operator

Frederic W. Rimbach

Town Counsel

John J. Sheehan

Civil Defense Director

Charles D. MacPherson

ACTON FIRE ALARM DIRECTORY

CENTER

- 12 Main Street at Newtown Road
- 13 Nagog Hill Road and Main Street
- 14 Technology Instrument Corp.
- 15 Main Street and Great Road
- 16 Great Road and Harris Street
- 17 Main and Harris Streets
- 18 Main Street and Carlisle Road
- 19 Main Street at Carlisle Line
- 112 Out of Town
- 113 Center School
- 114 Main and Brook Streets
- 116 Great Road and Holland Road
- 119 Carlisle Road at Carlisle Line
- 121 Newtown Road and Maple Avenue
- 122 Woodlawn Lane and Forest Road
- 123 Concord Road and Nagog Hill Road
- 124 Main Street and Taylor Road
- 125 Taylor Road and Woodlawn Lane
- 126 Main Street and Hayward Road
- 127 Tenney's Machine Shop and Vicinity
- 128 Kelley's Corner
- 129 Main Street, up Route #2
- 131 Great Road at Concord Line
- 132 Great Road and Pope Road
- 133 Great Road and Concord Road
- 134 Great Road and Esterbrook Road
- 135 Great Road and Brook Street
- 136 Great Road and Davis Road
- 137 Esterbrook and Strawberry Hill Roads
- 138 Pope and Strawberry Hill Roads
- 139 Pope Road at Carlisle Line
- 141 Nagog Hill Road at Hammond Street
- 142 Newtown Road and Hammond Street
- 143 Newtown Road at Arlington Street
- 144 Nagog Hill Road at Littleton Line
- 145 Wood Lane at F. Bean's
- 146 Fort Pond Road
- 147 Newtown Road at Littleton Line
- 151 Concord Road and Hosmer Street
- 152 Mass. Avenue and Taylor Road
- 153 Mass. Avenue and Hosmer Street
- 154 Mass. Avenue and Wetherbee Street

112 Out of Town

61 Boxboro

4-4 All Firemen to Stations

2-2-2-2 7 A.M. No School All Schools All Day

10-10-10-10 Air Raid

ACTON FIRE ALARM DIRECTORY

SOUTH

- 5 Quimby Square
 - 51 South Acton Woolen Mill
 - 52 Lothrop's Mill
 - 53 Merriam's Mill
 - 54 South School
 - 56 Proctor Lumber Yard
 - 57 Erickson's Farm Supply Store
 - 58 Dewey & Almy
 - 59 Air Reduction Sales Corp.
 - 21 School Street at River Street
 - 23 Out of Town
 - 24 School Street at Piper Road
 - 25 School Street at Waite's Corner
 - 26 School Street at Parker Street
 - 27 School Street at Laws Brook Road
 - 28 School Street at Mass. Avenue
 - 29 Laws Brook Road at Concord Line
 - 211 River Street at Chadwick Street
 - 212 River Street at Parker Street
 - 213 Parker Street at Concord Street
 - 214 Fletcher's Corner
 - 215 Powder Mill Road
 - 216 Concord Street at Maynard Line
 - 217 High Street at Conant Street
 - 218 High Street at Rawitser's
 - 219 Eastern States
 - 221 Main Street at Maynard Line
 - 223 Main Street at Sylvia Street
 - 224 Main Street at Holland's
 - 225 Main Street at Cider Mill
 - 226 Main Street at Prospect Street
 - 227 Main Street at Mass. Avenue
 - 231 Central Street at Prospect Street
 - 232 Central Street at Martin Street
 - 233 Central Street at Cullinane's
 - 234 Martin Street at Maple Street
 - 235 Hayward's Corner
 - 241 Stow Street at Robbins Street
 - 242 Liberty Street at Robbins Street
 - 243 Liberty Street at Stow Line
 - 245 Laurel Court at Piper Road
 - 251 Piper Road at Mass. Avenue
 - 252 Hosmer Street at Mass. Avenue
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- 23 Out of Town
 - 61 Boxboro
 - 4-4 All Firemen to Stations
 - 2-2-2-2 7 A.M. No School All Schools All Day
 - 10-10-10-10 Air Raid

ACTON FIRE ALARM DIRECTORY

WEST

- 31 Mass. Avenue at Boxboro Line
- 32 Mass. Avenue at Wright Terrace
- 33 Edwards Square
- 34 Mass. Avenue at Fire Station
- 35 Mass. Avenue at School Street
- 36 Mass. Avenue at West School
- 37 Mass. Avenue at Cedar Terrace
- 38 Mass. Avenue at Prospect Street
- 39 Mass. Avenue at High School
- 311 Richardson's Crossing
- 312 Central Street at Windsor Avenue
- 313 Central Street at Summer Street
- 314 Central Street at Willow Street
- 315 Central Street at Church Street
- 316 Central Street at Jenks Storage
- 317 Central Street at Mohawk Drive
- 318 Central Street at Orchard Drive
- 319 Central Street at Nashoba Road
- 321 Arlington Street at Summer Street
- 322 Arlington Street at Homestead Street
- 323 Arlington Street at Crescent Street
- 324 Arlington Street at Reed's Mill
- 325 Arlington Street at School Street
- 326 Arlington Street at Elm Street
- 327 Arlington Street at Charter Road
- 341 Willow Street at Homestead Street
- 342 Willow Street at Summer Street
- 343 Willow Street at Stow Line
- 344 Summer Street at Boxboro Line
- 345 Kinsley Road
- 346 School Street
- 347 Nashoba Road
- 348 Central Street, Down Route #2
- 351 Charter Road at Blanchard Auditorium
- 352 Charter Road at Hayward Road
- 354 Hayward Road
- 356 Rex Corporation
- 361 Mohawk Drive at Seneca Road
- 362 Oneida Road
- 363 Seneca Road at Seminole Road
- 364 Seneca Road at Mohican Road
- 365 Seminole Road at Mohican Road
- 366 Mohawk Drive at Nashoba Road

3-3-3 Out of Town and Emergency Call

61 Boxboro

4-4 All Firemen to Stations

2-2-2-2 7 A.M. No School All Schools All Day

10-10-10-10 Air Raid



H-BOMB PROTECTION INSTRUCTIONS

If war starts with a surprise H-bomb attack on America's largest cities, including Boston, then the citizens of Acton can, with a few simple actions, greatly improve their chances for safe survival.

Acton is close enough to Boston so that blind panic or ignorant carelessness could lead to unnecessary casualties; it is far enough away for a few precautions to protect lives.

An H-bomb dropped on Cambridge would do Acton more damage than an A-bomb dropped on Concord. The damage would come in three ways: **Heat, Blast, and Radioactivity.** For each of these, knowledge can save lives.

What to do about Heat

If you see a flash brighter than the sun (it will light up the whole landscape), drop to the ground, get away from windows (if in a car or a house), and cover your face and exposed skin. The flash is the bomb going off (but the flash doesn't burn as much as the "fireball" which is at its worst from 3 to 10 seconds later. It is the fireball that causes blisters, skin burns, and scorched clothes, so you have 3 seconds to turn away or duck into a shadow.

What to do about Blast

After the flash and fireball are over, the blast arrives. This is the explosive force itself, and it travels at a speed that will not reach Acton until more than thirty seconds after the bomb goes off. (It might take anywhere from forty seconds to over a minute, depending on the target location, on the bomb size, and on your location in Acton. However, you can count on thirty seconds.)

If you are in a house, get away from doors and windows: the entire frame may be blown inwards. Crouch behind heavy furniture to get out of the way of flying glass. If there is time, go to the basement. In many houses the space under the cellar steps is well-braced and safe. Another good area is against the eastern foundation wall; in this location, a slight shifting of the house will not drop much debris.

If you are in a car, stop off the edge of the road and lie down on the floor. Then, if the windows break or the roof is dished in, you will not be hit. Tests show that though damaged on the outside, a car usually can be driven again afterwards.

If you are in the open, lie down, cover your head with your hands, and open your mouth wide (to keep your ears from popping).

Acton houses should not be damaged more than mentioned above. However, blast effects are freakish. Some houses may be hurt worse than average while nearby ones are untouched.

After the blast goes by, **do not get up.** The blast will be followed in a few seconds by a strong "return wind" that blows back toward the explosion center. This "return wind" can

sometimes damage buildings more than the main blast, though it affects humans less.

What to do about Radioactivity

Some of the radio-activity from the bomb will come out in the first few seconds. When you duck to avoid the flash and heat, you will also help to reduce your exposure to these early rays. Greater danger can come later, when dust or fog may drop radio-active material from the bomb itself. Luckily, the prevailing winds from Boston don't usually head towards Acton. This airborne radio-activity, or "fall-out", usually does not occur until a half-hour after the explosion. During that time, cover damaged windows and doors with wet cloth, so that you will be safe inside your house. However, if rain, fog, or dust should be seen sooner, get indoors immediately. If you cannot reach a house before being caught in the fog or dust, remove your outer clothing when you reach shelter, and wash with plenty of soap or detergent (especially your hair) as soon as possible.

What to do Afterwards

Do not use your telephone; Acton Civil Defense sound trucks will announce needed information. Keep a portable or auto radio tuned to 640 or 1240.

Stay in your house; Acton Civil Defense radiology monitors will be at work immediately to mark the areas safely free from radio-activity.

If there are serious, **emergency** wounded in your home, hang a red cloth from your mailbox (do this during the first half-hour, as mentioned above); emergency medical crews will drive around the mail routes first, and will afterwards make house-to-house inspections.

In the first "safe" half-hour, draw enough water for several days' drinking, and make sure food supplies cannot be contaminated by dust or mist.

Remember that main roads will be closed as soon as an attack starts. All traffic is prohibited until the all-clear sounds. Keep your gas tank nearly full, rather than almost empty, at all times in case of attack.

Later, when the radiology monitor crew tells you that you can safely leave your home (since the radio-activity gradually dies away), there will be centers for treatment of less serious wounds, for storage and distribution of food, and for repair of damage.

CHARLES MacPHERSON
JOHN F. MOORE

Acton Civil Defense Agency

Post Script

If you want to protect yourself and your town in advance, call Acton Civil Defense or any of its officers for information on aircraft spotting, bomb shelters, blood donation, medical preparation, or to volunteer for the Acton Civil Defense Agency.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my 21st annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Total number of alarms responded to are as follows:

Residential	1
Mercantile	2
Grass and Brush	39
Manufacturing	7
Automobile	13
False Alarms	3
Smoke scares and Accidental alarms	5
Emergency	11
Out of Town	6
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Loss to buildings and contents	\$6,325.00
Collected for Oil, Gas, Blasting Permits	108.50
Oil Permits issued	162
Bottled Gas Permits issued	49
Blasting Permits issued	18

Once again I would call to the attention of the public that permits are required by law for the storage of Gasoline, Fuel Oil and Bottled Gas, whether or not they are inside or outside of buildings.

It is also required by law that all garages attached to, or a part of, a dwelling be fire proofed including doors that open into or facing dwelling.

This year the heating system was completed at the South Acton Station, also the boiler room at the West Acton Station was fire proofed.

Radios were installed in the forest fire truck and the ladder truck. This radio equipment proved its worth if for no other reason than the two hurricanes, Carol and Edna. With

no other way of communication available, we were able to dispatch apparatus from place to place where it was needed with no loss of time or travel. We were also in contact with the apparatus at all times, giving us complete control and making it possible to dispatch equipment where it would be needed quickly and efficiently in case of any emergency.

For 1955, I would like to recommend a small extension of Fire Alarm from South Acton Station along Main Street to the corner of Main and Prospect Streets. Also I would like to recommend the purchase of a new pumping engine with the money we have a'ready set aside for this purpose.

It has been suggested that I print some sort of a guide in regard to home fire extinguishers and their uses. Following is an abstract from an article written by C. Lester Walker and published in "Firefighters Square Club of Massachusetts":

"FACTS ABOUT HOME FIRE EXTINGUISHERS"

"Of the third of a million home fires in this country and Canada each year, many could be stifled before major damage occurs if homes had adequate fire extinguishers. Yet anyone who decides to buy an extinguisher finds there are almost countless kinds on the market. What should he buy? Here are facts every householder ought to know.

"There is no such thing as an all-purpose extinguisher. Different kinds of fires require different treatment. However, the majority of home fires occur in ordinary combustibles—rubbish, paper, wood, cloth. For this kind of fire there is still nothing better than water; these fires need rapid cooling before they can be successfully put out, and a lot of water—especially if sprayed on—is a fine cooler-off.

"Here are the chief kinds of water-content extinguishers for fires:

Soda-Acid

Pump Tank

Garden Hose

"Two other types of home fires are electrical fires (from live wires, motors, electrical appliances) and fires in flammable

liquids (gasoline, oil, grease, paints). For these you need other types of extinguishers. If you use a stream of water on an electrical fire you run the risk of getting a severe shock, even of being electrocuted. A stream of water on burning liquids will make the fire spatter and spread.

“Here are the chief types of extinguishers for electrical and/or flammable-liquid fires:

Foam

Vaporizing Liquid

Dry Chemical

CO-2

“How many extinguishers do I need?”

“The National Fire Protection Association suggests three: 1) a water pump tank, or a hose (at least 35 feet long) with faucet adapters; 2) a carbon-dioxide type for the kitchen, to deal with grease and electrical fires; 3) a dry-chemical or carbon-tetrachloride pump-gun type for the garage, to deal with small gasoline and electrical fires.

“The NFPA then sounds a few warnings:

“Once you have fire extinguishers in your home, don't become foolhardy. Remember that the first thing to do when there is a fire is: CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

“Label your extinguishers with tags saying in big letters: ‘For oil and electrical fires,’ etc.

“Keep your extinguishers in the right place and the same place all the time. Best place: usually on a wall, about four feet from the floor, near the fire hazard, and also near an exit so the fire can't trap you.

“Remember that all types of extinguishers should be inspected and serviced annually. It is best to hire a regular maintenance service and not kid yourself that YOU will make the annual checkup.

“Don't buy extinguishers not approved by the Under-

writer's or the Factory Mutual Laboratories. They may fail you in a crisis.

"Accept the fact that good extinguishers cost money. They are worth it in the end.

"Teach everybody in your household how to use the extinguishers."

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Chief, Acton Fire Dept.

REPORT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year ended December 31, 1954, four accidents were reported to me. They required medical attention but were not of a serious nature.

Respectfully submitted,

THERON A. LOWDEN,
Compensation Agent.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Wires for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Two hundred forty-eight (248) permits were issued. The sum of two hundred eighty dollars and twenty-five cents (280.25) was collected in fees for these permits.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH L. DUFFY,
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my twenty-eighth annual report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1954. This report includes all arrests made within the town during the past year. It also includes a brief summary of some of the duties carried out by the department with remarks and recommendations.

Arrests and prosecutions for the following offenses:

School Bus Law violations	39
Operating a motor vehicle so as to endanger	18
Operating a motor vehicle while under influence ..	8
Speeding	270
Stop Sign violations	60
Red light violations	17
Going away after causing damage to property	2
Operating an uninsured motor vehicle	6
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	7
Operating a motor vehicle without license in possession	4
Operating a motor vehicle without registration in possession	3
Operating after suspension of license	4
Operating without being properly licensed	16
Operating without an inspection sticker	8
Violation of the law of the road	10
Not signaling turn	2
Making left turn from right lane	1
Failure to lower high light beam	1
Defective equipment	1
Not stopping at flashing red light	1
Operating without lights	1
Allowing an improper person to operate	2
Operating a motor vehicle without a muffler	1
Operating recklessly	1

Attaching wrong plates	1
Following too closely	1
Crossing grass plot	1
Malicious damage to property	1
Lewdness	2
Profanity	1
Threatening	1
Assault and battery	1
Assault and battery on police officer	1
Failing to restrain dog on order of Selectmen	1
Drunkenness	11
Escapes from Shirley Industrial School	
apprehended and returned to school	6
Arrested and turned over to other departments ..	1
Delinquent child (Habitual truant)	1
B & E & L in nighttime	2
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Motor Vehicle accident report:

	1953	1954
Total number accidents reported	60	76
Number of occupants injured	47	52
Pedestrians injured	2	1
Bicyclists injured	1	3
Motorcyclists injured	0	3

There were 2056 motor vehicles checked by the department for traffic or motor vehicle violations for which the operators received verbal warnings, summonses to appear at court or had the violation reported to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for action.

Miscellaneous:

Complaints received and investigated	391
Motor vehicles checked by night patrol	202
Summonses served	97
Fire alarms answered	36
Doors found unlocked in public buildings and places of business	71

Street lights out, reported to Edison Company	56
Emergency messages delivered	29
Property checked at request of owners	89
Motorists assisted by patrol	33
Suspicious cars reported and checked	13
Suspicious persons questioned by patrol	11
Persons reported missing	6
Prowlers reported	14
Motor vehicles towed to garages when left on highway	8
Mental patients apprehended, returned to institution	1
Suicides reported and investigated	2
Cruiser ambulance trips to hospitals	15
Ill or injured taken to doctors' offices in cruiser—ambulance	5

School Busses:

Thirty-nine persons were summonsed to court for violation of the School Bus law. Although this law has been in force for several years, we find many operators do not yet fully understand the law. The law requires that an operator of a motor vehicle approaching a school bus from either direction, which has stopped to take on or discharge children and which is lettered with the words "School Bus" and which has flashing lights on front and rear, must bring the motor vehicle to a complete stop before passing the bus. It is not necessary to wait until the bus is in motion to pass, but after coming to a complete stop, the operator may then pass if it is safe to do so at a speed not greater than 10 miles per hour. The only exception to this rule is when the bus is being operated on a divided highway when it is only necessary to stop if passing in the same direction as that in which the bus is travelling. The definition of a divided highway is "Any way with an island, curbing or barrier intended to prevent turning except at intersections." During the past year, school bus operators and other persons have turned in the registration numbers of cars which they claimed had passed school busses. On several occasions these numbers which were turned in by other than the bus drivers were checked and found to be incorrect. No

court action is taken on these reported violations nor are they reported to the Registrar unless the violation is observed by a police officer or unless after an investigation it is deemed advisable to do so. Instead, numbers reported are checked and the owner of the vehicle notified of the complaint with an explanation of the law and a request that it be obeyed in the future.

Bicycle Registration:

All bicycles in the town must be registered with the police. At this time there are 525 bicycles registered, but many parents have not had their children comply with the law. All bicycles must be equipped with a rear fender reflector and if used after dark must also have a light. Parents may prevent a tragedy if they make sure their children keep their bikes off the streets at night unless they are properly equipped. All registrations expire on April 30th. New certificates must be obtained at the Police Office between April 15th and 30th. No charge is made if the plate that has been issued is still in good condition. If a new plate has to be issued, the registration fee will be twenty-five cents.

Cruiser:

The 1953 Dodge cruiser has now gone about 90,000 miles and repairs are frequent. I recommend that a Ranch Wagon type of cruiser be purchased to replace this cruiser, as with the new lines and lower clearance in the trunk compartments it will not be possible to change a car into an emergency ambulance. With no ambulance service within the town these emergency ambulances are a necessity.

Traffic:

Our worst traffic problem is on Massachusetts Avenue, West Acton in the business section. Longer cars parked at an angle extend well out into the traffic lane, which interferes with the flow of traffic. The 13-foot sidewalk on the south side of Massachusetts Avenue is much wider than in some cities and wider than needed in Acton for foot traffic. If about three feet were taken from what is now used as a sidewalk and it were added to the width of the road it would somewhat relieve this situation. The sidewalk in front of the Meade Block is much narrower than the sidewalk between the Meade

Block and Central Street. I recommend that necessary steps be taken to widen Massachusetts Avenue through the business section. I would also recommend that cross walks be maintained across Massachusetts Avenue and across Central Street at that intersection.

I would further recommend that our regulatory traffic signs, which are badly in need of paint and in some instances damaged, be taken care of and kept in good condition, as good signs and markings warn motorists that the law will be enforced.

Hurricanes:

When Hurricane Carol blew in on August 31st almost every street in town was blocked temporarily by fallen trees, poles and wires and the heavy rains caused several flooded streets. The police radio stations were off the air due to the power failure. We were able to keep in contact with other parts of the town by use of our car radio hook-up which we installed previous to the storm. It was pleasing to see all departments co-operating for the protection and safety of the townspeople. The height of the storm found members of the Board of Selectmen standing by lending a hand here and there and deciding problems promptly and wisely; the town nurse making her rounds, visiting the shut-ins, checking on their comfort and safety; while the police, fire, tree and Civil Defense departments went about their work in a very efficient manner. All deserve the thanks of the townspeople. The second hurricane (Edna) of September 11th, was far less severe than that of August 31st, but due to flooded streets, the police officers had to work long hours rerouting traffic. The co-operation of all departments working as one unit was again noticeable during this storm.

In closing, I wish to thank all who co-operated with or assisted this department in any way during the past year. I would also like to express my appreciation to members of this department for their fine work.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Forest Warden submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Total number of grass and brush fire calls answered by the Fire Department were 39, a decrease of 43 over the previous year. This, of course, would be due to the fact that we had a very rainy season.

The forest fire equipment is in very good condition and no replacements are needed next year.

A new pump was purchased this year and is held in reserve for immediate use.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Forest Warden.

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Town Forest Committee submits the following report for the year 1954.

The sum of \$100.00 was appropriated for thinning work in the Town Forest. Approximately 5 Acres of hardwoods were girdled to enable the more valuable pines to mature faster. At the present time there is no market for the scrub oak and swamp maple that are overtopping the white pine.

The Boy Scouts are now using the Texas Lot for a camping and recreational area.

The Town Forest Committee attended pruning and thinning demonstrations at Groton and Petersham.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER
EMERY NELSON
ARNO H. PERKINS
Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1954.

A confined spray for Elm Bark Beetle and Gypsy Moth was applied to all town and adjacent Elms this year. Two later foliage sprays were applied for Elm Leaf Beetles and Canker Worms.

There were 48 cases of Dutch Elm Disease in Acton in 1954. All 48 trees have been removed.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1954.

In the past year, I have sealed 263 weighing and measuring devices. There are at the present time 31 gas pumps, 10 Vehicle Gas and Oil Trucks, 82 sets of Scales, the rest being weights and small measures.

Sealing fees collected \$139.80. The same was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PERRY MARBLE

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year beginning May 1, 1954, and ending December 31, 1954.

Keeping and destroying 20 stray dogs	\$130.00
Expenses	150.00

Respectfully submitted,

CARL W. FLINT,
Dog Officer.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1954.

Barns inspected	57
Cows	230
Young cattle	70
Bulls	2
Steers	12
Swine	13
Sheep	28
Goats	30
Horses	33
Dog Bites	13
Dogs quarantined	13
Rabies	0

Respectfully submitted,

ARNO H. PERKINS,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The general maintenance work of sweeping, scraping, patching, drainage, and cutting brush was carried on normally, together with the regular program of surface treatment.

The culvert program continued.

The Chapter 90 construction became a casualty of "Carol" and "Edna". Not only was it a loss of time for the department to assist in debris clearance, but the job required the removal of many large trees and relocation of all utility poles. The hurricanes first delayed obtaining tree crews and also prevented the utility companies from leaving work of restoration of services to set new poles and transfer wires. This delay made it impractical to excavate such a busy street so late in the season. Several hundred feet of stonewall was moved and reset. An extension of time has been granted that the work may be completed in the spring. This can be done in conjunction with the proposed 1955 construction which is to continue in a northerly direction.

A survey of Nagog Hill has been completed and a request made for aid in widening the curve and rebuilding the road at the narrow point.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL C. BERRY,
Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF THE FENCE VIEWERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Your committee on Fence Viewing for the Town of Acton reports no activity in partition fences for the year 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS LEVERONI
LAURENCE HADLEY

REPORT OF THE ACTON PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Planning Board, upon being elected, March 1, 1954, immediately set up sub-division rules and regulations to regulate the rapid growth being experienced by the Town.

SECTIONS 81K to 81GG of Chapter 41 of the General Laws are known as THE SUB-DIVISION LAWS.

SUB-DIVISION SHALL MEAN THE DIVISION OF A TRACT OF LAND AND SHALL MEAN THE POWER OF REGULATING THE SUB-DIVISION OF LAND GRANTED BY THE LAW.

"Section 81-M. The subdivision control law has been enacted for the purpose of protecting the safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the cities and towns in which it is, or may hereafter be, put in effect by regulating the laying out and construction of ways in subdivisions providing access to the several lots therein, but which have not become public ways, and ensuring sanitary conditions in subdivisions and in proper cases parks and open areas. The powers of a planning board and of a board of appeal under the sub-division control law shall be exercised with due regard for the provision of adequate access to all of the lots in a subdivision by ways that will be safe and convenient for travel; for lessening congestion in such ways and in the adjacent public ways; for reducing danger to life and limb in the operation of motor vehicles; for securing safety in the case of fire, flood, panic and other emergencies; for insuring compliance with the applicable zoning ordinances or by-laws; for securing adequate provision for water, sewerage, drainage and other requirements where necessary in a subdivision; and for co-ordinating the ways in a sub-division with each other and with the public ways in the city or town in which it is located and with the ways in neighboring subdivisions."

Your Planning Board adopted its rules and regulations so as not to be inconsistent with the sub-division control law

or any other provision of statute or of any ordinance or by-law of the town.

As stated at the Town Meeting, November 8, 1954, when funds were requested and appropriated, the Planning Board considers the problem of drainage in the Town of Acton second only to the need for additional school space. The drainage study now in progress is the first step toward a knowledge of the action the Town can take to correct the conditions developing from growth and change of the use of land. Present natural drainage and high water table cause poor drainage of streets, flooded cellars and insufficient and hazardous operation of sewage disposal systems. This survey, when completed, will give the Town a picture of how we can lower the water table and stop the damage that now is brought upon many of us with spring floods and high water. Statistical information and a master plan of the Town are being developed by the Board for the use of all persons concerned, and projections are now available through 1960. It is hoped that all departments of the Town will call on the Board for any material that will assist them in their long range planning. A study of Town records through 1890 indicates the need for a consolidation of laws passed by the Town.

A public hearing was held to hear any suggestions for changes or improvements in the Zoning By-Law. These hearings on by-law changes will be conducted as often as is consistent with the desires of the Town. Under state law any town by-law change must be initiated by the Planning Board after a public hearing.

The Board makes the following recommendation for improvements in our Town government:

I. A permanent Building Committee of 3 members be appointed with terms of three (3) years each. These three (3) members **plus** two (2) from any board or committee planning construction will form the Town Building Committee.

II. A Board of three (3) Street Commissioners be elected to direct the efforts of the Highway Department. The Town

of Acton has almost doubled in the last five years and it is expected that a similar rate of growth will take place in the next five years. The responsibility and size of appropriations of the Street Department should justify the direct concern of a single Board rather than the partial effort by the Selectmen who are already overburdened.

III. To combine all laws and regulations into ready reference form. The Planning Board is working to accomplish this.

IV. To prepare a master plan of the town showing homes, numbers, waterways, streets, easements and public utilities. The Planning Board is working to accomplish this also.

V. That the Betterment Act passed in Town Meeting, March 3, 1890, be enforced.

The Planning Board would like to thank all boards and committees for their excellent co-operation during the past year.

ROBERT STOW
THOMAS MOTLEY
AUBREY C. KRETSCHMAR
RICHARD GALLANT
FREDERICK WHITCOMB

Planning Board.

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Please notify the Town Clerk immediately of any error or omission in the following List of Births.

Errors not reported at once can be corrected only by sworn affidavit, as prescribed by the General Laws, and may cause you inconvenience which can be avoided by prompt attention.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1954

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Jan. 5	Concord	Haley, Vicki Marie	Richard V. and Elizabeth M. Helly
Jan. 10	Concord	Nichols, Scott Ray	David G. and Lois H. Bonnar
Jan. 10	Concord	Rodday, Peter Daniel	Allen N. and Diantha A. Wilcox
Jan. 24	Concord	Panetta, Raymond Arthur	Albert R. and Thelma E. Deveau
Jan. 27	Waltham	Arnold, Marilyn Linda	Willard B. and Marjorie T. Jewett
Jan. 31	Concord	Piper, Dorinda Sue	Alvin R. and Caroline M. Gates
Jan. 31	Concord	Piper, Damon Stanton	Alvin R. and Caroline M. Gates
Feb. 9	Concord	Durling, John Raymond	Hubert R., Jr. and Barbara A. Thompson
Feb. 14	Concord	Kinsella, Bernard Michael, Jr.	Bernard M. and Mary H. Cook
Feb. 16	Cambridge	Cutter, George Samuel, Jr.	George S. and Lois Thompson
Feb. 19	Boston	Mann, Thomas Henry	Edward W. and Esther L. McMorran
Feb. 20	Arlington	Foye, Berdene Curtis	Robert P. and Victoria Y. Simons
Feb. 20	Waltham	LeBlanc, Michele Andrea	Gerard J. and Patricia Gouse
Feb. 24	Concord	Harrington, Stephen Paul	William L., Jr. and Ethel M. Anderson
Mar. 2	Concord	Flood, Betsy Haag	Harold W. and Jeanne D. Bradfield
Mar. 2	Concord	Murray, Bonnie Jean	Allan R. and Laura E. MacLalan
Mar. 3	Boston	Cohan, Joyce Evelyn	Lloyd and Jean O'Leary
Mar. 14	Waltham	Feltus, Bruce Douglas	Carroll M. and Joyce Merriam

Mar. 23	Concord	Braman, James Hugh	Albert S. and Mildred F. Hodgen
Mar. 23	Concord	Tolf, David Helmer	Marvin L. and Lydia Spencer
Mar. 24	Concord	Dee, Linda Ann	Joseph M., Jr. and Eva A. Langille
Mar. 25	Weymouth	Nastasi, Joseph Anthony, Jr.	Joseph A. and Nancy B. Turner
April 2	New Haven, Conn.	Keith Ellen Peabody	Rowland D. H. and Margaret P. Cannon
April 4	Camp Le- jeune, N. C.	Colson, Wendell Ball, II	Charles W. and Nancy Billings
April 13	Arlington	Stewart, Gregory Norton, Jr.	Gregory N. and Anita J. Woodis
April 18	Concord	Raymond, Louisa	George J. and Priscilla M. Edwards
April 20	Somerville	Foskett, Kathy Rena	Wallace E. and Eva M. Smart
April 24	Concord	Morse, Cathy	Harry B. and Jean Hollis
May 2	Concord	Kroon, David Albert	Albert J. and Avis J. Spencer
May 3	Concord	MacPherson, Rebecca Warren	Charles D. and Patience Hosmer
May 6	Concord	Beaudoin, Pamela Jean	Rene A. and Patricia F. Mullen
May 7	Concord	Berg, William Thomas	William A. and Virginia M. Peterson
May 10	Concord	Dreher, Diane Hartley	Stephen T. and Beverly E. Brown
May 11	Concord	Hebenstreit, Susan	William L. and Lillian H. Johnston
May 15	Concord	Gallant, Raymond Douglas	Richard A. and Edith G. Nilges
May 17	Concord	Bower, Laurie Ann	Charles K., Jr. and Shirley M. Smith
May 20	Concord	Christian Joanne Alice	Raymond V. and Alice F. Brown
May 23	Concord	Laffin, Robert Arthur	Wilmer E. and Marjorie E. Fuller
May 29	Waltham	Landry, George Joseph	Thomas F. and Margaret E. Kunz

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1954

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
May 30	Concord	Wilson, Suzanne	William R. and Shirley A. White
June 2	Concord	Ayer, Mary Ann	Calvin W. and Sara A. Custance
June 2	Concord	Sprague, Catherine	Walter W. and Phyllis K. White
June 8	Concord	Thorensen, Andrew Gordon	Allan R. and Barbara A. Dutton
June 9	Concord	Jensen, Marsha Louise	Allen and Ruth L. Seymour
June 9	Concord	Progen, Deborah Lee	William M. and Addie E. Benson
June 16	Concord	Taylor, James Wilson	Edwin R., Jr. and Doris M. Newman
June 17	Concord	Buscemi, Vincent Joseph, Jr.	Vincent J. and Mabelle T. Frost
June 17	Concord	Davis, Alan Barry	Richard C. and Marjory Janet McAdoo
June 20	Concord	Smith, Stephen Robert	Leslie M. and Mildred L. Bourguignon
June 21	Concord	McGrath, Nina Edith	Henry M., Jr. and Dorothy F. Schofield
June 22	Boston	Newell, David Warren	Warren L. and Ruth M. Walker
June 25	Concord	Condon, Robert Edward	Sylvester P. and Lorraine O. Bursaw
June 26	Concord	Illsley, Janice Elizabeth	Melbourne L. and Jeanne E. Higgins
June 26	Concord	Lund, Elizabeth Robin	Robert T. and Marilyn J. Spoehr
June 28	Concord	Sweet, Spencer Lloyd	James S. and Marie M. Moore
June 30	Concord	Noble, Harry Stephen	Ronald H. and Marian C. Smith
July 7	Concord	Rayen, Ruth Elaine	Leslie A., Jr. and Beverly A. Krusell
July 9	Concord	Moland, David Warren	Warren P. and Helen H. Esson

July 10	Concord	Hewitt, Donald Warren	Richard G. and Geraldine R. Oldenquist
July 14	Concord	Sweet, Susan Jane	Charles R. and Catherine V. McKelvie
July 14	Winchester	Qua, Gary Edwin	Gerald H. and Anne L. Biron
July 14	Winchester	Qua, Marilyn Louise	Gerald H. and Anne L. Biron
July 17	Concord	Crocker, Bonnie Leigh	Ronald E. and Sadie G. Clark
July 20	Melrose	Forrest, Gary Miles	John W. and Mary E. Baker
July 20	Concord	Hagan, Mary	Thomas J. and Emily R. Watkins
July 21	Concord	Landry, Millard Joseph, Jr.	Millard J. and Mary E. Boucher
July 30	Lowell	Guenard, Brian Arthur	Arthur H. and Marlene M. Chateaufneuf
Aug. 1	Concord	Fredenburgh, Kim Elizabeth	Edwin J., Jr. and Mary W. McCabe
Aug. 2	Concord	Durkin, Joanne	William J., Jr. and Hannah R. Hanson
Aug. 6	Concord	Waite, William Frank	Richard A. and Marie T. Macaulay
Aug. 14	Concord	Anderson, Erik Philip	Robert B. and Alfa J. Goldthwaite
Aug. 14	Concord	Kangas, Barbara Ann	Veli J. and Irene S. Dargiewicz
Aug. 16	Concord	Winton, Anne Louise	John J. and Ruth M. Buck
Aug. 19	Concord	Major, Brenda Joyce	Robert R. and Margaret C. Whiteneck
Aug. 19	Concord	Scribner, Howard Warren	Stephen W. and Christine Smith
Aug. 22	Concord	Scribner, Mary Helen	David W. and Mildred L. Hurley
Aug. 23	Concord	Young, James Douglas	Robert J. and Virginia D. Harron
Aug. 26	Concord	Lane, Gregory	Richard F. and Agnes Thristan
Aug. 27	Concord	Paiement, Linda Lee	Philip R. and Marjorie L. Cushing
Sept. 3	Waltham	O'Connell, William John	William L. and Rosalie L. Neal
Sept. 4	Waltham	Warren, Sharon Ann	Harold A., Jr. and Shirley L. Moore

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1954

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Sept. 7	Concord	Fairbanks, Cynthia Lynne	James M. and Elizabeth Merriam
Sept. 10	Concord	Jones Thomas Langan	Howard F. and Zita W. Langan
Sept. 12	Concord	Weatherby, Wayne Glenn	Frank H. and Rosalee Dulaney
Sept. 13	Concord	Tornell, Bruce Henry	Bengt and Ruth Anderson
Sept. 17	Concord	Noftle, Randall Scott	Harold E. and Edith L. Johnson
Sept. 18	Concord	Hinckley, John Dana	Dana B. and Sarah K. Morse
Sept. 19	Concord	Erkkinen, Diane Elaine	Paavo J. and Vieno E. Maki
Sept. 20	Concord	Foley, Anne Katherine	John D. and Katherine D. Branley
Sept. 21	Concord	Lawton, Marline Frances	Edward G. and Frances V. Mason
Sept. 28	Beverly	Smith, Laurie Allison	Bradford A. and Tamara A. Ushakoff
Oct. 4	Concord	Peterson, Juliana Marie	Stephen G. and Patricia M. Barry
Oct. 7	Concord	Benson, Matthew Claus	Clarence W. and Elsie E. Benson
Oct. 8	Concord	Gilbert, Shirley Ann	George B. and Mary F. Kierce
Oct. 12	Concord	Linscott, Susan Marie	Donald A., Jr. and Grace Hinckley
Oct. 20	Concord	Roche, Susan Elizabeth	George L. and Lucy H. Romard
Oct. 23	Concord	Vanaria, Lucy Ann Marie	Orlando A. and Marie C. L. Bernard
Oct. 26	Concord	Snyer, Claudia Lee	Harry, Jr. and Marjorie M. Sorensen
Oct. 29	Concord	Lewis, Virginia Pauline	James P. and Pauline Elliott
Oct. 30	Concord	Kelley Jonathan Scott	Frederick L. and Esther L. Andraessen

Nov. 2	Concord	Schofield, Roger Joseph, Jr.	Roger J. and Eileen M. Joyce
Nov. 6	Concord	Perry, Gwendolyn	Joseph G. and Esther F. Jollymore
Nov. 8	Lowell	Goetze, Jonathan Bruce	Dieter and Cynthia C. Fox
Nov. 14	Concord	Prentiss, Neil Alexander	Harold O., Jr. and Dorothy Rahberg
Nov. 17	Concord	Ray, Catherine Elizabeth	William C. and Helen K. Kelley
Nov. 21	Acton	Tipton, Cynthia Jane	George R. and Elvern McCoy
Dec. 6	Concord	Hodgson, Mark Stéphan	George H. and Evelyn J. Nold
Dec. 8	Lowell	Baker, Paige Ellen	Duane and Doris Hankinson
Dec. 12	Ayer	Dill, William James	Joseph W. and Mary L. Milette

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1953 (not previously reported)

Oct. 19	Boston	Nichols, Richard Walter, Jr.	Richard W. and Lois A. Allard
Nov. 16	Boston	Sherry, Carol Ann	Richard D. and Patricia A. Keefe
Nov. 16	Boston	Sherry, Karen Marie	Richard D. and Patricia A. Keefe
Dec. 8	Arlington	Mott, Janet Elizabeth	Ian M. and Janet L. Nickerson
Dec. 18	Concord	Hill, Linda June	Anthony and Edith J. Hood
Dec. 24	Concord	Foster, Joyce Elizabeth	Albert E. and Ruth E. McLaughlin
Dec. 26	Concord	Smith, Peter Lambert	David L. and Bernice L. Lynch
Dec. 27	Concord	Sweeney, Eileen Michele	Daniel J. and Lucy A. Joyce
Dec. 29	Cambridge	Hywniewich, Rebecca	Joseph and Rosemary T. Higgins

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1954

Date	Place	Name	Residence
Jan. 3	Maynard	Miller, Robert I. Mason, Hazel R.	East Acton Maynard
Jan. 9	W. Acton	Dow, Robert G. Beach, Barbara L.	Acton W. Acton
Jan. 24	Hudson	Ashline, William J., Jr. Parker, Phyllis E.	Acton Marlboro
Jan. 29	Acton	Hampson, Kenneth A. Caldwell, Jean Lorimer	W. Acton W. Concord
Jan. 30	Maynard	Serfes, Nicholas L. Brazee, Florence L.	New York, N. Y. S. Acton
Feb. 13	W. Acton	Jones, Benjamin F., IV Pendergast, Norma	Sewickley, Penna. W. Acton
Feb. 14	Waltham	DeFigueredo, Lincoln S. Harper, Nancy A.	S. Acton Waltham
Feb. 16	W. Acton	Dallak, William Coughlin, Margaret E.	Chatham Acton

Feb. 28	Maynard	Simeone, Carl Hinds, Ann Cecelia	S. Acton Maynard
Mar. 15	W. Acton	Altieri, Joseph R. Graham, Katherine M.	Watertown S. Acton
Mar. 30	Littleton	Clark, Robert E. Sheridan, Ann M.	S. Acton Maynard
April 24	Acton	Dentino, Alfred C., Jr. Lehtinen, Irene S.	W. Concord W. Acton
April 24	W. Acton	Johnston, Angus D. Cutler, Diane	Stow W. Acton
April 24	Shrewsbury	Kiley, Frederick T. Cate, Audrey Jeane	Acton Shrewsbury
April 24	Acton	Ward, Jesse Hoyt Larrabee, Janet Olive	East Acton S. Acton
April 25	W. Acton	Goodreau, Edward Arnold Mauro, Dora Virginia	Framingham S. Acton
May 15	Cambridge	McLellan, Urban J. Keough, Grace E.	S. Acton Cambridge
May 22	Belmont	Horton, William R. Levesque, Doris W.	Acton Watertown

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1954

May 28	Malden	French, James H. Hill, Nora F. (Murphy)	W. Acton W. Concord
May 29	Lexington	Bursaw, Richard Paul Collins, Phyllis Nancy	S. Acton Lexington
May 29	Webster	Hartwell, William C. Hill, Charlotte A.	Littleton Acton
May 30	Worcester	Olsen, Edward L. Pirone, Mary D.	S. Acton Worcester
June 6	W. Acton	Dumas, Philip A. Dow, Doris R.	Hudson S. Acton
June 6	Acton	Johnson, Edwin J. Davis, Ethel W.	Maynard W. Acton
June 12	Lexington	Dempsey, Edward B. Wasilec, Julia	S. Acton Lexington
June 12	Littleton	Smith, Philip Ashley Moore, Marilyn	Acton Acton
June 12	Concord	Thorsen, Gwynne Woods, Frances	Boston Acton

June 14	W. Acton	Mutty, Peter C. Gill, Jane C.	Concord W. Acton
June 26	Fairfield, Conn.	Snow, Thomas Leonard, Jr. Fay, Patricia Louise	Acton Fairfield, Conn.
July 2	Belmont	Strong, Elliott Wilson Linn, Marjorie Edith	W. Acton Belmont
July 24	Brookline	Foley, Robert Francis Feeley, Eleanor L.	W. Acton Brookline
July 31	Rindge, N. H.	Lawrence, Walter W. Bonnar, Mary Evelyn	W. Acton W. Acton
Aug. 7	Acton	Stetson, Norman A. Hamner, Wynona A.	Southborough Southborough
Aug. 27	S. Acton	Reynolds, Arthur P. Ineson, Louise	S. Acton S. Acton
Sept. 3	Concord	Watkins, Henry Belmont, Helen Grace	W. Acton W. Concord
Sept. 11	Concord	Turley, Robert L. Flagg, Janet L.	Palmer E. Acton
Sept. 12	W. Concord	Johansen, Thomas George McCarthy, Mary Ann	Concord N. Acton

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1954

Sept. 25	S. Attleboro	Sherry, Wallace H.	Acton
		Smith, Margaret M. (Tarpey)	S. Attleboro
Oct. 1	W. Acton	Hennigan, Warren T.	Stow
		Nichols, Edna A.	W. Acton
Oct. 2	W. Roxbury	Britt, Edward L.	N. Acton
		Lynch, Ann M.	Roxbury
Oct. 9	Acton	Belmont, Edward F.	S. Acton
		Laffin, Evelyn J.	S. Acton
Oct. 10	Maynard	Hickey, Raymond T.	S. Acton
		Taryma, Helen	Maynard
Oct. 16	Lowell	Sweeney, James W.	W. Acton
		Sullivan, Frances B.	Lowell
Oct. 18	S. Acton	Hodgen, George	S. Acton
		BomHower, Alyce Louise (Hayward)	W. Lebanon, N. H.
Oct. 24	Concord	Britt, Joseph S.	N. Acton
		Wilkie, Nellie M.	Concord
Nov. 10	Acton	Kennedy, Ernest S.	W. Acton
		Johnson, Elsie	Maynard

Nov. 11	N. Chelmsford	Wyman, Russell W. Nicholson, Olive (Milbery)	Natick W. Acton
Nov. 19	Milford	Fish, Roger A. Koch, Constance (Archambeault)	Acton Roxbury
Nov. 28	Acton	Olsen, Kenneth Alden McCabe, Barbara Ann	Concord Acton
Dec. 10	W. Acton	McFarland, Kenneth R. Frizzle, Harriet D.	Waltham S. Acton
Dec. 11	W. Acton	Lambert, Earl L. Manion, Meredith F.	Maynard Acton
Dec. 31	Acton	Knowles, John G. Baker, Carrie Bertha (Davis)	Maynard S. Acton

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1954

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 7	Egan, William	72	0	0
Jan. 11	Smith, Muriel Ellis	72	1	2
Jan. 27	Murphy, John J.	43	4	22
Feb. 12	St. Pierre, Jean Baptiste	82	4	4
Feb. 14	Branley, Michael J.	86	7	16
Feb. 24	Stone, George	93	6	14
Mar. 12	Kavanaugh, William	70	5	5
Mar. 14	Libbey, Richard H.	69	10	24
Mar. 20	Lord, Elizabeth (Cheyne)	71	10	15
Mar. 23	Whitcomb, Waldo E.	89	9	26
Mar. 29	Hoar, John S.	90	0	25
Mar. 31	MacKinnon, Foster R.	62	2	28
April 15	Parish, Florence	66	0	0
April 18	Harwood, Richard M.	49	10	6
May 8	Marsolais, Charles Henry	77	9	26
May 10	Bibbey, Wallace Alonzo	53	8	0
May 12	Whitcomb, Frank S.	85	10	19
May 19	Fiske, Bertha M.	80	0	18
June 3	Davis, Ilzadie (Jordan)	72	6	29
June 6	Helley, Anna Marie	63	8	30
June 15	Christian, James W.	80	3	27
July 4	Fogg, John J., Jr.	82	5	29
July 5	Penney, Mary A.	84	4	23
July 6	Downey, Chester M.	60	11	18
July 7	Dunn, William Shepherd	86	4	12
July 20	Caldwell, Edith (Massie)	53	3	11
July 26	Harrison, Marion Emma (Vining)	69	11	4
Aug. 4	Handley, Millard Johnson	87	11	3
Aug. 12	Coughlin, Paul Anthony	48	9	13
Aug. 17	Seiders, Ettalena (Holmes)	73	11	28
Aug. 23	Duren, Florence (Merriam)	63	11	13
Aug. 24	Beebe, Inez Florence	85	10	26
Aug. 26	Engman, Matilda	79	5	25
Aug. 30	Reed, Marion (Cole)	54	11	12
Sept. 1	Iasevoli, Domenico	76	10	18
Sept. 8	Doyle, Henry Kip	75	9	17

Sept.	25	Reed, Margaret A. (Caldwell)	60	1	24
Oct.	11	Balcom, Cecil	63	7	23
Nov.	20	Putnam, Flora Weston (Towle)	80	10	1
Nov.	21	Starck, Anna Louisa (Skold)	79	9	1
Nov.	27	Fowler, Nathaniel	71	0	0
Dec.	10	Fitzgerald, James	74	8	22
Dec.	18	Prentiss, Abraham Sylvanus	69	4	0
Dec.	25	Flaherty, Emma (Lovett)	68	0	0

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1954

Death	Name	Age		Place of Death	Place of Burial
		Y.	M. D		
Dec. 28	Bennett, Carolyn A.	82	3 9	Somerville, Mass.	Woodlawn
Jan. 19	Blois, Edwin G.	73	0 0	Newton, N. H.	Woodlawn
Nov. 2	Brown, Robert Cornell	74	0 0	Lakewood, Ohio	Woodlawn
May 8	Chittenden, Louise W.	54	10 29	Boston, Mass.	Mt. Hope
July 21	Davis, Robert I.	79	0 0	Chelsea, Mass.	Woodlawn
June 21	Farrar, Fred W.	86	1 24	Somerville, Mass.	Woodlawn
Oct. 9	Fossett, Nellie J.	79	10 14	Somerville, Mass.	Woodlawn
Dec. 21	Hall, Edgar H.	93	8 26	Hopedale, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Mar. 28	Harris, Elwyn W.	84	1 0	Ayer, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Dec. 11	Jefferies, Martha E.	74	0 0	Worcester, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Mar. 9	Kolb, William J.	57	7 8	Tokoma Park, Maryland	Woodlawn
May 11	Lenk, Oscar C.	81	11 6	Boston, Mass.	Woodlawn
Aug. 20	Libby, Maud C.	71	0 0	Portland, Maine	Mt. Hope
Sept. 21	Millman, Christopher	73	0 0	Westboro, Mass.	Woodlawn
Sept. 5	Patterson, Emily A.	67	10 30	Concord, Mass.	Woodlawn
Sept. 11	Raymond, Henry S.	88	3 24	Lexington, Mass.	Woodlawn
Jan. 18	Reed, Robert G.	85	0 0	Southern Pines, N. C.	Mt. Hope
May 8	Reed, Sarah H.	88	0 0	Southern Pines, N. C.	Mt. Hope
Sept. 23	Rogers, Blanche I.	72	2 29	Boston, Mass.	Mt. Hope

Jan. 14	Schofield, Harris D.	68	8	20	Waltham, Mass.	Woodlawn
Sept. 23	Teele, Alice M.	74	8	5	Newtonville, Mass.	Mt. Hope
Jan. 9	Thompson, Charlotte A.	90	2	1	Stow, Mass.	Woodlawn
Jan. 15	Turnbull, Mabel G.	64	0	0	Hartford, Conn.	Mt. Hope
Aug. 27	Tripp, Nellie M.	82	3	0	Groton, Mass.	Woodlawn
Aug. 23	Wesinger, Jeanne R.	1	7	0	Sudbury, Mass.	Mt. Hope
May 13	Whitcomb, Mary Ella	80	10	19	Clinton, Mass.	Mt. Hope
April 2	Wolfe, Ellsworth T.	44	5	0	Concord, Mass.	Woodlawn

Omitted in 1953

May 28	Wetherbee, Annie R.	91	5	21	Concord, Mass.	Mt. Hope
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NOTICE

All dog licenses here listed EX-PIRE MARCH 31, 1955.

Dogs must be licensed on or before April 1st or the owners or keepers thereof are liable to a fine.

The law applies to all dogs three months old or over, regardless of time of year ownership is acquired.

No tax bills are sent to owners of dogs.

LIST OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1954

Owner	Tag No.		
		Albert A. Cook	38
Marcia Reed	1	Walter B. Newsham	39
Flora W. Putnam	2	Lucille Cunningham	40
Dewey E. Boatman	3	Quienten Banks	41
F. Wendell Putnam	4	Lowell Cram	42
Fred S. Kennedy	5	Buxton Poultry Service,	
Fred S. Kennedy	6	Inc.	43
David Gates	7	Barbara C. Motley	44
Thelma Blood	8	Mildred Pope Moore	45
John Duston	9	Mildred Pope Moore	46
James Murgatroyd	10	Hazel Hughes	47
Louis Flerra	11	Margaret A. Reed	48
Joanne Flerra	12	Benjamin F. Rice	49
Mary Dubee	13	Elwyn Hollowell	50
Robert M. Bowen	14	Hilda Anderson	51
Hazel G. Blanchard	15	Charles Liebfried	52
Ann Ogilvie	16	David Tinker	53
Ann Ogilvie	17	Edwin Anderson	54
Frederick W. Hopkins	18	Raymond Stinson	55
Frederick W. Hopkins	19	Martha T. Oakes	56
Aubrey C. Kretschmar	20	Carl C. Flint	57
Clare Wait	21	Albert L. Haynes	58
William H. McMahon	22	Roland O. Livermore	59
Nancy Leslie	23	Roland O. Livermore	60
Charles M. MacRae	24	Evelyn Anderson	61
Ralph E. Whitney	25	Mrs. Henry M. Anderson	62
William Flagg	26	James H. Anderson	63
Irving S. Duren, Sr.	27	Karen A. Anderson	64
June McIntosh	28	H. Stuart MacGregor	65
June McIntosh	29	H. Stuart MacGregor	66
Raymond F. Letts	30	H. Stuart MacGregor	67
Chris Hallos	31	George J. Raymond	68
E. S. Walcott	32	Roscoe Sawyer	69
Donald W. Parker	33	Arthur S. Desmond	70
Thomas McPhee	34	Herbert Leusher	71
Donald C. Moody	35	Clarence Turner	72
Kay M. Graham	36	Edmond McNiff	73
William T. Kelley	37	Lawrence Donnelly	74

Lawrence Donnelly	75	Glenna Wise	115
Thomas R. Doyle	76	Robert Farquhar	116
Donald A. Anderson	77	Cecil Balcom	117
Carrie F. Wells	78	Cecil Balcom	118
Edward R. Kelley	79	Albert Blanchard	119
W. Gardner Walker	80	Lucretia Conheeney	120
W. Gardner Walker	81	Thomas L. Stoffle, Jr.	121
John T. Sleeper	82	Louis Schwaab	122
Howard A. Hollis	83	Louis Schwaab	123
Fred Lloyd	84	Eric Froberg	124
Carl Schontag	85	Elizabeth Morrison	125
Arno H. Perkins	86	Elizabeth Morrison	126
Doris Nealey	87	Leo White	127
William J. Scanlon	88	George Turnbull	128
George W. Loggie	89	William McNiff	129
Edward R. Bailey	90	John Torkelsen	130
Joseph H. Lemoine	91	Anthony Hill	131
John I. Swenson	92	Alice W. Mortimer	132
John I. Swenson	93	Ralph H. Prescott	133
Elizabeth Weyn	94	Otis J. Reed	134
Theodore Weyn	95	John F. Canessa	135
Norman G. Collins	96	Bruce L. Larsen	136
Steven Sweetser	97	Norman Hollowell	137
Andrew J. Mariotte	98	Norman Hollowell	138
Howard R. Edwards	99	Leslie J. Sturdevant	139
Harold C. White	100	David A. Wilson	140
Richard Clark	101	Geraldene Prentiss	141
John P. Fowler	102	Wentworth Prentiss	142
Edward Bursaw	103	Capt. Harold A. Warren,	
Robert Ey	104	Jr.	143
John Thomas	105	Frederick W. Abbt	144
Martha Winslow	106	Orwald Kienow	145
Caroline and Robert		Margaret Murray	146
Bowen	107	Ellen C. Leveroni	147
Arthur Jalonen	108	Ralph C. Choate	148
Jane H. Marsh	109	Thomas Harris	149
A. J. Walther	110	Fred Richards	150
Edgar Peterson	111	Charles F. Greenough	151
Louis J. Lacourse	112	Dr. Paul P. Gates	152
Jeanette B. Reynolds	113	Vivian M. McGray	153
John Caouette	114	Joseph S. Mercurio	154

Russell Davis	155	Harrington Moore	195
Howard Hendrickson	156	Craig Lundberg	196
Howard Hendrickson	157	John A. C. Kimball	197
Edward Forbes	158	Tony Perry	198
David Ringland	159	Tony Perry	199
David Ringland	160	Joseph Perry	200
Michael J. Walsh	161	Craig Collins	201
Susan Thompson	162	Stanley Reed	202
Frederick F. Lawrence Jr.	163	Ellsworth Lank	203
	163	Vaughn Allen	204
Alvin A. Klauer	164	Vaughn Allen	205
Charles E. Derby	165	Harold Day	206
Edgar A. Perkins, Jr.	166	Richard Sisson	207
Joyce Wilkes	167	Alice Pederson	208
Dorothy Wattu	168	George MacNeil	209
Adolph Wattu	169	Margaret Larrabee	210
Kathleen W. Sheppard	170	Guy Bonfiglio	211
Mrs. George Gilbert	171	Walter W. Custance	212
David Flint	172	Kenneth Jewell	213
Benjamin Plume	173	Robert M. Stow	214
Priscilla May Harris	174	Henry Hickey	215
Robin Darling	175	Henry Hickey	216
Wm. Henry Soar	176	John Lindfors	217
Albert C. Gravlin	177	Ronald E. Crocker	218
Abert C. Gravlin	178	Irving S. Duren Jr.	219
John Nyman	179	Elmer E. Hill	220
Andrew J. Rein	180	Robert J. Young	221
Walter N. Stevenson	181	Robert J. Young	222
Frederick Micklay	182	Robert E. Woodbine	223
Jacquelyn Perry	183	Frederick S. Whitcomb	224
Edward Lawton	184	Frederick S. Whitcomb	225
Ethel D. Roche	185	William E. Harper	226
Fred Willett	186	William L. Chipman	227
Robert Willett	187	Harold Y. Banquer	228
Fred Heyliger	188	Harold Y. Banquer	229
Ralph Parsons	189	Edwin A. Hall	230
Charles Albright	190	Alden C. Flagg Jr.	231
Safford P. Sweatt	191	Marilyn Clark	232
Paul McPherson	192	Richard F. Lane	233
John Stevens Jr.	193	Roland D. H. Keith	234
John Stevens	194	John E. Wetherbee	235

Curtiss Briggs	236	Bernard Kinsella	277
Harold Nickerson	237	Matthew Freeman	278
Jack R. Stevens	238	Ruth A. Lythcott	279
John F. Hekkala Jr.	239	William S. Jones	280
Arthur Lowden	240	Martin Duggan	281
Arthur P. Reynolds	241	Clinton S. Curtis	282
Rose Snyer	242	Harold A. Warren	283
Harold C. Parish	243	Leo Roche	284
Edward M. Ferry	244	Edwin A. Anderson	285
Francis E. Moyer	245	Joseph Curtis	286
Stanley Veasie	246	Joseph Curtis	287
Anthony W. Horn	247	Raymond L. Hatch	288
Forrest E. Bean	248	Ben C. Smalley	289
Forrest E. Bean	249	Ben C. Smalley	290
Michael J. Britt	250	Woodbury Stevens	291
William Cobleigh Jr.	251	Winston K. Newman	292
Ethel C. Robbins	252	Gerry LeBlanc	293
William Lehtinen	253	Stanley J. Olsen	294
Miriam D. McCabe	254	Ormal S. Laffin	295
William Pyrro	255	Peter Cioffi	296
Sherman W. Frost	256	Walter Ballard	297
Warren E. Hartwell	257	Philip S. Newell	298
Betty Kirkpatrick	258	Diane and Janet Nedza	299
John M. Pettingell	259	William D. Tuttle	300
Eveyn Y. Inman	260	William D. Tuttle	301
Macolm Fullerton	261	Charles Galluzo	302
Robert K. Smith	262	Calazero Galluzzo	303
Robert K. Smith	263	Calazero Galluzzo	304
Carrie Baker	264	Clifford A. Schofield	305
Wilmer E. Laffin	265	H. Daniel Flanagan	306
Albert J. Kroon	266	Ernest A. Magoon	307
John L. Fletcher	267	John Brown	308
Vincent Paradis	268	Harold Taintor	309
John Onslow	269	Thomas W. Cole	310
John Onslow	270	Thomas W. Cole	311
John Onslow	271	Thomas C. Searle	312
William J. Phillips	272	George Pederson	313
Ian Mott	273	Allen Murray	314
John Lehto	274	Matthew Costello	315
Wilbur E. Marston	275	Helen A. Knowlton	316
Modesto M. Simeone	276		

Norman E. Livermore	317	Bruce W. Hamblin	358
Albert Goddard	318	Bengt H. Tornell	359
Stephen French	319	Joyce Ann Jackson	360
Martha French	320	Kenneth T. Blood	361
Charles Harrison	321	Leonard A. Godfrey Jr.	362
Charles Harrison	322	Crimens Pacy	363
Benjamin Bancroft	323	Lawrence Kelley	364
Clesson Bancroft	324	Melville Thompson	365
Charles E. Bartlett	325	Walter H. Ohnesorge	366
Thomas E. Wetherbee	326	Ervin E. Fitzsimmons	367
Ralph Peterson	327	Ethel L. Todd	368
Marion Hayes	328	Stuart W. Frazier	369
Frank H. Turner	329	Elizabeth Weyn	370
Fraser Laffin	330	Emma L. Twyford	371
William Kendall Jr.	331	Lloyd E. Williamson	372
Robert W. Kendall	332	Eileen Aalto	373
Steven H. Lever	333	George C. Rolfe	374
Warren P. Moland	334	Edward Mann	375
Scott Arthur	335	Leonard Lee Lester	376
Edward Shaw	336	Charles W. Benson	377
Earl Spinney	337	William McNulty	378
Wilson Bursaw	338	William A. Massie Jr.	379
Jane A. Day	339	Albert Jackson	380
John McK. Whittier	340	Arthur Conquest	381
Ivan R. Wold	341	Arthur Conquest	382
Robert E. Clapp	342	Thomas L. Snow	383
Safford P. Sweatt	343	Frank I. Averett	384
Henry Young	344	Frank I. Averett	385
Elizabeth T. Morrison	345	Pat Mascariello	386
David A. Barry	346	Mrs. Henry Woodhead	387
Irene B. Murphy	347	Helen G. Hollowell	388
Robert E. Murphy Jr.	348	John J. Downey	389
David E. Driscoll	349	John J. Downey	390
Harold M. Richardson	350	Mrs. Arthur H. Armstrong	391
Frederick J. Strate	351		
Alfred Young	352	Dan E. Dulaney	392
Richard J. O'Neil	353	George Wetherbee	393
James H. Conquest	354	Dr. John Albright	394
Walter Perrault	355	Walter Liebfried	395
Albert W. Wunderly	356	John F. Coughlin	396
Dan A. Wilson	357	Clifford E. Armstrong	397

Joseph Hryniewicz	398	Charles H. Bumpus Jr.	420
George Clahane	399	Jean Hurley	421
Edward J. Higgins	400	Everett M. Maynes	422
George Ryan	401	Carolyn Hope	423
Fred Ratta	402	William Flannery	424
Lewis R. Kent	403	Albert Braman	425
John H. King Jr.	404	Dr. W. F. Davis	426
Allen N. Rodday	405	Thomas Murphy	427
Helen W. Richmond	406	Russell Jones Jr.	428
Evelyn Cozzo	407	Mrs. R. T. B. Davison	429
Lucy Newport	408	Mrs. R. T. B. Davison	430
Albert W. Connors	409	Howland Parker	431
John W. Putnam	410	Howland Parker	432
W. Lawrence Marshall Jr.	411	William R. Horton	433
W. Lawrence Marshall Jr.	412	Mrs. W. B. Comegys	434
Horace B. Butler	413	Roberta Davis	435
Rose Marie DiDuca	414	Carlton Sawyer	436
Rose Marie DiDuca	415	Margaret T. Halloran	437
Mark Imbimbo	416	Mrs. Robert North	438
Robert W. Annable	417	Howard L. Jones	439
Donnell W. Boardman	418	Irwin O'Neal	440
Frank H. Weatherby	419	David Fielding	441
		Linda Christofferson	442

\$10.00 Kennel

George A. Wilkes	X1	Ronald McGerigle	X7
Mrs. Henry M. Anderson	X2	Frances Priest	X8
Edward B. McKinley	X3	Alice LaTulippe	X9
Edith V. Davis	X4	Carl W. Flint	X10
Charles Judd Farley	X5	John E. Moore Jr.	X11
Edward A. Poor	X6	Alfred Mariano	X12

\$25.00 Kennel

Mrs. Charles D. Gray	X11	Patrick Palmer	X16
		Arthur Fraser	X17

\$50.00 Kennel

385 Licenses at \$2.00	\$ 770.00
59 Licenses at \$5.00	295.00
12 Licenses at \$10.00	120.00

1 License at \$25.00	25.00
2 Licenses at \$50.00	100.00
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	\$1310.00
Deduct fees 459 Licenses at 20c	91.80
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Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1218.20

REVISED JURY LIST — 1954

Precinct I

Mary L. Sleeper, 64 Concord Rd., housewife
 E. Wilson Bursaw, 23 Newtown Rd., oil business
 Edmond J. McNiff, 29 Maple Ave., pressman
 Lawrence W. Bennett, 366 Main St., carpenter
 Gordon E. Westby, 32 Concord Rd., banker
 Waldo V. Langille, 37 Hosmer St., file clerk
 George W. Newton, 518 Great Rd., Well and Pump service
 Edward B. McKinley, 92 Nagog Hill Rd., U.S.A. Retired
 Eleanor L. Olsen, Hayward Rd., housewife
 Helen Pederson, 87 Newtown Rd., switchboard operator
 Walter L. Perreault, off Concord Rd., laboratory technician

Precinct II

Eleanor G. Tuttle, Prospect St., housewife
 Dorothy E. Turner, 18 Maple St., housewife
 James H. Connolly, Prospect St., meat cutter
 Warren P. Moland, 294 School St., electrical engineer
 Ervin D. Putnam, 274 School St., carpenter
 Anthony J. Ansley, 14 Stow St., salesman
 Edward H. Bentsen, 74 School St., sheet metal
 Thomas W. Curtin, 66 Maple St., lithographer
 J. Alton Dingee, 1 Martin St., craneman
 H. Calvin Gaebel, 8 Piper Lane, salesman
 Margaret F. Heath, 74 Main St., clerk
 Harold F. Nordberg, 62 Main St., auditor
 Forrest E. Bean, Jr., 40 Wood Lane, beef merchandiser

Precinct III

Martin J. Duggan, 320 Arlington St., male nurse
 Waldo J. Flint, 142 Central St., pharmacist

David E. Worrall, 16 Mohawk Dr., tube grinder
Harry F. Warner, Hayward Rd., postal clerk
Margaret B. Miney, 402 Central St., housewife
George M. Dick, Jr., Charter Rd., tree worker
Victor E. Cornellier, 280 Arlington St., salesman
Frederick A. Harris, 15 Church St., granite worker
Edward S. Boyden, 538 Mass. Ave., heating engineer
Benjamin H. Webster, 28 Mohawk Dr., instructor
Lawrence J. Thibault, Jr., 21 Orchard Dr., supervisor
Richard Sisson, Hayward Rd., builder

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Acton, Massachusetts.

The Acton Civil Defense Agency herewith submits its report for the year 1954.

After six months of undertaking to establish a voluntary, efficient organization that could cope with any disaster, military or natural, considerable progress has been made. A command post, the nerve center of C.D. in any emergency, has been set up in the basement of the new school building ready to go into operation at any moment. Radio equipment enabling Town communications plus regional equipment to contact other towns in our sector will be installed in the near future.

Auxiliary Rescue, Fire and Police units have been formed and trained, first aid courses are now under way and a Radiological team has been formed and will receive equipment from the State soon.

Much has to be done to remove the apathy of the citizenry toward the importance of this program to their families and the Town.

One noticeable failure has been the Ground Observer Tower which for many reasons has not been a success, your C.D. Agency has several plans in mind that may help that situation.

I could not conclude this report without offering my thanks to the Board of Selectmen and the School Department for their help and the many courtesies extended this

organization.

The Acton Civil Defense Agency is not submitting a budget for 1955 because we feel that we can carry on with the funds now available.

During the year 1954 the Civil Defense Agency expended the amount of \$866.34, the main items were repairs to the GOC Tower at a cost of \$272.34. Communications equipment \$317.43 and flood lighting the area around CD Headquarters \$84.25.

Respectfully submitted,

Acton Civil Defense Agency
CHARLES D. MacPHERSON
Director

REPORT OF AUDIT OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

January 26, 1955

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Carl Christofferson, Chairman
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from December 10, 1953 to December 6, 1954, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE
Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston
Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Acton for the period from

December 10, 1953, the date of the previous examination, to December 6, 1954 and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions as recorded on the books of the departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded were checked with the available departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The ledger accounts were analyzed for the period covered by the audit, the appropriations as recorded on the ledgers were checked with the amounts voted by the town, as shown on the town clerk's records of town meetings, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the amounts authorized by the finance committee, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 6, 1954.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and verified by comparison with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the disbursements were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the payments.

The cash balance on December 6, 1954 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The tax titles and tax possessions on hand December 6, 1954 were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

The savings bank books and securities representing the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Charlotte L. Goodnow fund were examined and listed, the income being proved and the

withdrawals being verified.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The tax, excise, and departmental accounts outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved. The payments to the town and district treasurers were checked with the treasurers' cash books, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise, and departmental accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of dog and sporting licenses issued were examined and checked. The payments to the town were checked with the treasurer's cash book, and the payments to the State were verified by comparison with the receipts on file. The cash balance on December 6, 1954 was verified by actual count of the cash in the office.

The surety bonds furnished by the officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts of the board of selectmen and of the police, fire, health, school, and cemetery departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's and town collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ
Assistant Director of Accounts

TOWN OF ACTON

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 6, 1954

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

General,	\$261,950.04
Advances for Petty:	
School Department:	
Lunch Program	\$ 50.00
General	20.00
	70.00

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1948:

Poll	\$ 2.00
Personal Property	82.37
Real Estate	31.20

Levy of 1949:

Poll	4.00
Personal Property	71.44
Real Estate	42.30

Levy of 1950:

Poll	2.00
Personal Property	165.12
Real Estate	365.21

Levy of 1951:

Poll	4.00
Personal Property	662.70
Real Estate	150.61

Levy of 1952:

Poll	6.00
Personal Property	681.10
Real Estate	1,766.52

Levy of 1953:

Poll	14.00
Personal Property	1,279.60
Real Estate	9,314.39

Levy of 1954:

Poll	170.00
Personal Property	3,088.35
Real Estate	33,397.29

51,300.20

BALANCE SHEET**DECEMBER 6, 1954****LIABILITIES AND RESERVES****Employees' Payroll Deductions:**

Federal Taxes	\$ 1,311.80	
County Retirement System	331.04	
Teachers' Retirement System	298.09	
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	249.55	
		\$ 2,190.48

Guarantee Deposits:

Board of Appeals	\$ 15.25	
Planning Board	20.00	
		35.25

Tailings—Unclaimed Checks 111.63

Trust Funds:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 167.50	
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery	37.50	
		205.00

Trust Fund Income:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 363.32	
Susan Noyes Hosmer Cemetery	380.18	
J. Roland Wetherbee Cemetery	50.78	
Henry L. Raymond Cemetery Care	18.78	
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery	26.07	
		839.13

Disability Assistance Recovery 321.76

Federal Grants:**Disability Assistance:**

Administration	\$ 5.85	
Assistance	2,638.63	

Aid to Dependent Children:

Administration	169.99	
Aid	2,204.24	

Old Age Assistance:

Administration	219.01	
Assistance	20,011.94	

25,249.66

Revolving Funds:

School Lunch	\$ 2,250.78	
School Athletics	441.01	

2,691.79

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1948	\$ 46.71	
Levy of 1949	160.01	
Levy of 1950	266.76	
Levy of 1951	415.62	
Levy of 1952	503.28	
Levy of 1953	1,883.22	
Levy of 1954	9,834.89	
		13,110.49

Tax Titles and Possessions:

Tax Titles	\$ 79.87	
Tax Possessions	400.19	
		479.56

Departmental:

Dog Officer	\$ 58.50	
Highway	72.50	
Disability Assistance	33.66	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,020.24	
Old Age Assistance	2,145.49	
Veterans' Benefits	364.75	
School	2,886.37	
Cemetery	199.50	
		6,781.01

Aid to Highways:

State	\$ 14,157.85	
County	4,950.00	
		19,107.85

Unprovided For or Overdrawn Accounts:

Revenue 1955:		
High School Building Committee Expense	\$ 7,000.00	
Hurricane Emergency		
Expenditures	7,441.54	
Due From Trust Funds:		
Arthur Davis Memorial Fund	70.05	
		14,511.59
		<u>\$367,310.74</u>
		<u><u> </u></u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS**Net Funded or Fixed Debt:**

Inside Debt Limit:		
General		\$ 83,000.00

Appropriation Balances:

Revenue\$121,265.34

Non-Revenue:

Elementary School Construction 1,556.18
 Blanchard Auditorium Construction 52,737.40

175,558.92

Overestimates 1954:

County Tax\$ 409.48
 County Hospital Assessment 503.85
 State Parks and Reservations Assessment 3.07

916.40

Sale of Cemetery Land Fund 1,575.35

Road Machinery Fund 5,538.51

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus 4,007.21

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1948\$ 115.57
 Levy of 1949 117.74
 Levy of 1950 532.33
 Levy of 1951 817.31
 Levy of 1952 894.48
 Levy of 1953 5,111.07
 Levy of 1954 4,660.53

12,249.03

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise\$ 13,110.49
 Tax Title and Possession 479.56
 Departmental 6,781.01
 Aid to Highway 19,107.85

39,478.91

Reserve For Petty Cash Advances 70.00

Surplus Revenue:

Current Year\$ 10,897.96
 Prior Years 85,373.75

96,271.71

\$367,310.74

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Serial Loans:

Inside Debt Limit:

High School\$ 3,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:

General	260,000.00
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\$343,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$267,483.97
In Custody of Trustees	3,465.54

\$270,949.51

Elementary School	80,000.00	
		\$ 83,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:		
Elementary School	180,000.00	
Blanchard Auditorium	80,000.00	
		260,000.00
		<u>\$343,000.00</u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS

In custody of Town Treasurer:

Charity Funds:

Betsy M. Ball	\$ 11,344.41
Elizabeth White	27,702.26
Georgia E. Whitney	15,232.63
Charlotte Conant School Fund	1,585.97
Wilde Memorial Library Funds	18,368.20
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	6,491.60
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	834.21

Cemetery Funds:

Perpetual Care	69,588.74
Surplus	221.32
Hoit and Scott	579.84
J. Roland Wetherbee	10,655.56
Georgia E. Whitney	1,691.18
Luke Blanchard	1,604.02
Frank C. Hayward	1,160.93
Susan Noyes Hosmer	87,176.42
Henry Raymond Care	2,307.62
Henry L. Raymond Care	857.80
Stabilization Fund	10,081.26
	\$267,483.97

In Custody of Trustees:

Charlotte L. Goodnow Fund	3,465.54
	<u>\$270,949.51</u>

ASSESSORS' REPORT 1954

Tax assessed as follows:

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$4,759,805.00
Land	801,175.00
Personal	600,105.00
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	6,161,085.00

Valuation—January 1, 1953	5,739,900.00
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Increase in valuation	421,185.00
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Rate of Taxation—\$60.80

Real Estate	338,107.56
Personal Estate	36,486.39
Polls	2,554.00
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	377,147.95

Amount of Money raised:

State Parks Tax	781.21
State Parks Tax, Underestimate of 1953	173.80
State Audit of Municipal Ac- counts	3,714.42
County Tax	11,260.54
Tuberculosis Hospital Assess- ment	4,004.29
Tuberculosis Hospital Assess- ment underestimate of 1953	263.13
Town Grant	345,559.95
Overlay	11,390.61
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	377,147.95

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed—2144

Commissioners Value of Motor Vehicles & Trailers 1,019,540.00

Rate of Excise—\$51.86

Total Excise 48,814.09

Added Excise 1953 11,257.85

Number of Vehicles Added Excise—626

Commissioners Value 346,870.00

ALBERT P. DURKEE
CARL FLINT
JAMES W. BAKER

Board of Assessors

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year January 1
through December 31, 1954.

1948 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 31.20
Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$ 31.20

1949 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 130.66
Interest	18.09
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	\$ 148.75
Paid Treasurer	\$ 106.45
Uncollected December 31, 1954	42.30
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	\$ 148.75

1950 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 421.28
Interest	7.20
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	\$ 428.48
Abatements	\$ 10.80
Paid Treasurer	52.47
Uncollected December 31, 1954	365.21
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	\$ 428.48

1951 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 317.46
Interest	15.67
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	\$ 333.13
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Paid Treasurer	\$ 182.52
Uncollected December 31, 1954	150.61
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	\$ 333.13
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1952 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 8,066.63
Interest	518.13
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	\$ 8,584.76
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Audit Adjustment	\$ 88.20
Paid Treasurer	7,294.93
Uncollected December 31, 1954	1,201.63
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	\$ 8,584.76
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1953 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 20,237.66
Audit Adjustment24
Interest	270.61
Refunds	371.48
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	\$ 20,879.99
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Abatements	\$ 316.36
Paid Treasurer	11,557.97

Uncollected December 31, 1954	9,005.66
	<u> </u>
	\$ 20,879.99
	<u> </u>

1954 Real Estate Tax

Committed	\$338,350.76
Interest	74.44
Refunds	1,425.39
	<u> </u>
	\$339,850.59
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Abatements	\$ 5,893.04
Audit Adjustment	30.20
Paid Treasurer	304,774.32
Uncollected December 31, 1954	29,153.03
	<u> </u>
	\$339,850.59
	<u> </u>

1948 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 267.07
Interest	10.00
	<u> </u>
	\$ 277.07
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Abatements	\$ 130.62
Paid Treasurer	64.08
Uncollected December 31, 1954	82.37
	<u> </u>
	\$ 277.07
	<u> </u>

1949 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 300.80
Interest	6.40
	<u> </u>
	\$ 307.20

Abatements	\$	188.00
Paid Treasurer		47.76
Uncollected December 31, 1954		71.44
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	\$	307.20
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1950 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	336.52
Interest		22.75
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	\$	359.27
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Abatements	\$	43.20
Paid Treasurer		150.95
Uncollected December 31, 1954		165.12
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	\$	359.27
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1951 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	763.75
Interest		12.85
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	\$	776.60
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Abatements	\$	47.00
Paid Treasurer		113.90
Uncollected December 31, 1954		615.70
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	\$	776.60
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1952 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	791.35
Interest		17.97
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	\$	809.32
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Paid Treasurer	\$ 200.12
Uncollected December 31, 1954	609.20
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	\$ 809.32
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1953 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 2,713.01
Interest	29.34
Audit Adjustment08
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	\$ 2,742.43
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Abatements	\$ 502.00
Paid Treasurer	1,009.02
Uncollected December 31, 1954	1,231.41
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	\$ 2,742.43
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1954 Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$ 36,486.39
Audit Adjustment	30.40
Interest	2.73
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	\$ 36,519.52
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Abatements	\$ 614.08
Paid Treasurer	33,257.89
Uncollected December 31, 1954	2,647.55
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	\$ 36,519.52
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1948 Poll Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 4.00
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Interest40
	<u>4.40</u>
Abatement	\$ 2.00
Paid Treasurer	2.40
Uncollected December 31, 1954	<u> </u>
	<u>\$ 4.40</u>

1949 Poll Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 12.00
Interest	1.28
	<u>\$ 13.28</u>
Abatement	\$ 2.00
Paid Treasurer	7.28
Uncollected December 31, 1954	4.00
	<u>\$ 13.28</u>

1950 Poll Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 14.00
Interest	1.35
	<u>\$ 15.35</u>
Abatement	\$ 2.00
Paid Treasurer	11.35
Uncollected December 31, 1954	2.00
	<u>\$ 15.35</u>

1951 Poll Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	24.00
Interest .....		.91
Refund		2.00
	\$	<u>26.91</u>
Abatements	\$	10.00
Paid Treasurer		12.91
Uncollected December 31, 1954		4.00
	\$	<u>26.91</u>

1952 Poll Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	18.00
Interest .....		.27
	\$	<u>18.27</u>
Abatements	\$	6.00
Paid Treasurer		6.27
Uncollected December 31, 1954		6.00
	\$	<u>18.27</u>

1953 Poll Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$	190.00
Additional Commitment		44.00
Interest		4.60
	\$	<u>238.60</u>
Abatements	\$	58.00
Paid Treasurer		168.60

Uncollected December 31, 1954	12.00
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	\$ 238.60
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1954 Poll Tax

Committed	\$ 2,608.00
Interest	3.61
Refunds	6.00
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	\$ 2,617.61
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Abatements	\$ 390.00
Paid Treasurer	2,073.61
Uncollected December 31, 1954	154.00
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	\$ 2,617.61
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1947 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 17.78
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Abatements	\$ 17.78
Uncollected December 31, 1954
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	\$ 17.78
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1948 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 156.29
Interest	20.83
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	\$ 177.12
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Abatements	\$ 43.93
Paid Treasurer	86.48

Uncollected December 31, 1954	46.71
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\$	177.12
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1949 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 719.62
Interest	90.74
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\$	810.36
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Audit Adjustment	\$ 2.41
Abatements	220.08
Paid Treasurer	430.27
Uncollected December 31, 1954	157.60
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\$	810.36
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1950 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 601.87
Interest	46.54
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\$	648.41
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Abatements	\$ 114.41
Paid Treasurer	267.24
Uncollected December 31, 1954	266.76
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\$	648.41
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1951 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 1,108.41
Interest	39.85
Audit Adjustment10
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\$	1,148.36
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Abatements	\$ 397.83
Paid Treasurer	334.91
Uncollected December 31, 1954	415.62
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	\$ 1,148.36
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1952 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 1,484.49
Interest	53.48
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	\$ 1,537.97
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Abatements	\$ 563.39
Paid Treasurer	614.32
Uncollected December 31, 1954	360.26
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	\$ 1,537.97
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1953 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 4,622.49
Additional Commitments	11,257.85
Refunds	491.18
Interest	117.65
Audit Adjustment01
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	\$ 16,489.18
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Abatements	\$ 4,246.25
Paid Treasurer	11,271.06
Uncollected December 31, 1954	971.87
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	\$ 16,489.18
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1954 Excise

Committed	\$ 42,705.91
Refunds	1,306.97

Interest	23.87
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	\$ 44,036.75
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Abatements	\$ 2,504.15
Paid Treasurer	37,142.49
Uncollected December 31, 1954	4 390.11
	<u> </u>
	\$ 44,036.75
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Cemetery Department, Accounts Receivable

Uncollected December 31, 1953	\$ 195.00
Committed	650.50
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	\$ 845.50
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Abatements	\$ 54.00
Paid Treasurer	595.00
Uncollected December 31, 1954	196.50
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	\$ 845.50
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Lien Certificate Fees: Paid Treasurer	\$ 232.00
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Respectfully,

CHARLES M. MacRAE,
Town Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

For The Year Ending December 31, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts.

I herewith submit my report for the year 1954;

Cash Balance January 1, 1954 \$3359,235.46

Received from State Treasurer

Veteran's Services	\$ 3,258.37
Old Age Assistance, Federal	21,563.47
Aid Dependent Children, Federal	3,562.63
Disability Assistance	1,375.77
Disability Assistance, Federal	1,131.20
Old Age Assistance	20,932.62
Chapter 90 Highways	7,198.37
Highways	11,277.87
Income Tax	24,355.23
Corporation Tax	23,988.87
School Aid	28,800.00
Meal Tax	1,584.94
Aid Dependent Children	2,475.12
Auditorium-Gymnasium	24,276.56
Board of Health	212.14
Vocational Education	624.30
Reim-Loss on Taxes	1,758.05
Transportation	3,950.10
Teacher's Retirement	15.00
Tuition	2,172.94

184,513.55

Received from County Treasurer

Dog Licenses, Refund	784.23
Highways	4,198.68
Dog Officer, Refund	104.00

5,086.91

Received from Collector of Taxes

Poll Taxes, 1948	2.00
Excise Taxes, 1948	65.65
Personal Taxes, 1948	54.08
Poll Taxes, 1949	6.00
Excise Taxes, 1949	339.53
Personal Taxes, 1949	41.36
Real Estate Taxes, 1949	88.36
Poll Taxes, 1950	10.00
Excise Taxes, 1950	220.70
Personal Taxes, 1950	128.20
Real Estate Taxes, 1950	45.27
Poll Taxes, 1951	12.00
Excise Taxes, 1951	295.06
Personal Taxes, 1951	101.05
Real Estate Taxes, 1951	166.85
Poll Taxes, 1952	6.00
Excise Taxes, 1952	560.84
Personal Taxes, 1952	182.15
Real Estate Taxes, 1952	6,776.80
Poll Taxes, 1953	164.00
Excise Taxes, 1953	11,153.41
Personal Taxes, 1953	979.68
Real Estate Taxes, 1953	11,287.36
Poll Taxes, 1954	2,070.00
Excise Taxes, 1954	37,118.62
Personal Taxes, 1954	33,255.16
Real Estate Taxes, 1954	304,699.88
Liens	244.00
Care of Cemetery Lots	583.00

Snow Removal	34.00
Old Age Assistance	69.11
Interest	1,411.56

412,221.68

Miscellaneous Receipts

Dewey's Market, License	400.00
Village Package Store, License	400.00
Board of Health, Licenses	72.00
Board of Health, Nurse Services	735.50
Board of Health, Permits	37.00
Chief of Police, Revolver Permits ...	20.00
Chief of Police, Bicycle Registration ..	131.25
Director of Standards, Licenses	30.00
Acton High School Fund, Cafeteria ..	12,165.56
Acton High School Fund, Athletic ...	466.06
Acton High School Fund, Telephone ...	32.74
Acton High School Fund, Breakage ...	5.70
Acton High School Fund, Magazines ..	528.43
Town of Acton, County Retirement ...	3,799.12
Town of Acton, Withholding Taxes ..	28,600.20
Town of Acton, Teacher's Retirement	6,474.97
Town of Acton, Blue Cross	2,592.95
Town of Acton, Machinery Account ...	5,090.30
South Acton Fire Co., Blue Cross	664.50
Town of Weston, Old Age Assistance ..	115.86
Town of Watertown, Old Age Assist- ance	34.26
City of Waltham, Old Age Assistance	39.06
Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog Licenses	1,214.60
Harlan E. Tuttle, Miscellaneous	10.50
Alexander Whiteneck, Rent-Hall	12.50
Ann Lye Nursing Home, Old Age Assist- ance	37.09
Est. Herbert Bennett, Old Age Assist.	244.50
Concord District Court, Fines	599.69
Joseph Foley, Juvenile Restitution	56.26

H. S. MacGregor, Permits	98.50
Mary Lothrop, Library Fines	238.27
Mary Lothrop, Miscellaneous	12.40
Roland Livermore, Rent-Hall	207.50
Board of Selectmen, Wire Inspector ..	280.25
Board of Selectmen, Licenses	215.50
Fred Kennedy, Burials	1,086.00
Fred Kennedy, Low'g Device	138.00
Fred Kennedy, Liners Installed	95.00
Fred Kennedy, Miscellaneous	177.50
Fred Kennedy, Chapel Fee	20.00
Fred Kennedy, Sale Lots	560.00
Fred Kennedy, Foundations	608.35
Theron A. Lowden, Dividend Ins.	146.07
Cancelled Checks	111.63
Town of Boxboro, Tuition	6,323.87
City of Medford, Old Age Assistance ..	133.27
City of Boston, Old Age Assistance ..	4.00
Edward Higgins, Veteran's Benefits ..	40.00
Ethel A. Davis, Collector's Account ...	1,438.20
City of Boston, School Dep't	327.38
Est. Arthur F. Davis, Library	1,000.000
City of Malden, Old Age Assistance ...	1.87
Town of Tyngsboro, Vet's Benefit ...	220.00
Louisa Smith, Old Age Assistance ...	3,228.80
Town of Harvard, Old Age Assistance	59.82
Board of Appeals, Deposits	30.00
So. Acton Fire Co., Firemen's Fund ..	90.00
Center Fire Co., Firemen's Fund	85.00
West Fire Co., Firemen's Fund	95.00
City of Cambridge, Old Age Assistance	56.54
Town of Westford, Tuition	487.05
Mass. Bond Ins. Co., Fence Damage ..	47.36
Stephan Smith, Tree Damage	35.00
Richard Gallant, Planning Board	20.00
City of Boston, Vet's Benefit	55.00
Mass. General Hospital, Old Age Assist	56.00
Town of Concord, Land Tax	29.91
William Graham, Disability Assistance	321.76

A. Perry Marble, Sealer Weights	153.15
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82,944.55

Perpetual Care, Mt. Hope Cemetery

Walter Stevenson	50.00
Est. Mary Yeaton	150.00
Harold Parish	75.00
Mrs. Arthur Whitcomb	100.00
Harry Grimes	100.00
Ruman S. Baker	100.00
James E. Kinsley	50.00

Perpetual Care, Woodlawn Cemetery

Est. Moses Thompson	200.00
Francis Baxter	75.00
William F. Wolfe	200.00
Margaret MacKinnon	75.00
Fannie Harwood	150.00
Lillian Haven	150.00
Concetta DiDuca	200.00
Ida Harris	100.00
Lelia Balcom	150.00
Ella Perreault	150.00

2,075.00

Transfers to Town account from

Georgia E. Whitney Fund	700.00
Luke Blanchard Fund	50.00
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	117.00
Elizabeth White Fund	700.00
Memorial Library Fund	275.00
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	250.00

Cemetery Fund	500.00
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	1,500.00
Memorial Library Davis Fund	70.05

4,162.05

Trust Fund Income

Frank C. Hayward Fund	26.25
Hoit and Scott Fund	12.50
Elizabeth White Fund	726.70
Georgia E. Whitney Fund	422.54
Memorial Library Fund	357.58
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	2,463.41
Cemetery Fund	1,677.44
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	278.13
Betsey M. Ball Fund	306.72
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	157.27
Henry S. Raymond Fund	69.36
Acton High School Fund	37.50
Geo. E. Whitney Cem. Fund	46.88
H. S. Raymond Mon. Fund	20.13
Stabilization Fund	81.26

6,683.67

Total Cash Receipts for 1954	697,687.41
Cash Balance January 1, 1954	359,235.46

\$1,056,922.87

Paid Selectmen's Order for 1954	835,306.64
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Cash Balance December 31, 1954	\$221,616.23
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OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS

December 31, 1954

High School Addition Notes, 174-176 due 1955 to 1957	\$ 3,000.00
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Elementary School Bonds, Chapt. 44 Gen'l Laws, 11 to 90 due 1655 to 1970	80,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, Chapt. 645, Acts 1948 21 to 200 due 1955 to 1972	180,000.00
Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium Notes, Chapt. 645, Acts 1948, 204 to 283 due 1955 to 1958	80,000.00

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$1,500.00
Unexpended Balance	47.16

	<hr/>	\$ 1,547.16
Received Interest for 1954		38.81
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		\$1,585.97

Balance December 31, 1954

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$1,585.97
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ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$5,205.00
Unexpended Balance	949.97

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Received to Fund in 1954:		
Company Salaries	\$ 270.00	
Interest	183.63	
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		453.63

\$ 6,608.60

Balance December 31, 1954

Paid Trustee's Order's for 1954	\$ 117.00
Bank Balances in Saving Banks	6,491.60
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	\$ 6,608.60

BETSY M. BALL FUND

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Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$ 10,095.26
Unexpended Balance	917.70

	\$11,012.96
Received Interest for 1954	331.45
	\$11,344.41

Balance December 31, 1954

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$11,344.41
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ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$25,000.00
Unexpended Balance	2,046.78

	\$27,046.78
Received Interest for 1954	780.48
	\$27,827.26

Balance December 31, 1954

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$27,127.26
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1954	700.00
	\$27,827.26

CEMETERY SURPLUS

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$ 215.63
Received Interest for 1954	5.69

\$ 221.32

Balance December 31, 1954

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 221.32
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CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$61,847.21	
Unexpended Balance	4,916.28	
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		\$66,763.49
Received for Perpetual Care	\$ 2,075.00	
Received Interest for 1954	1,817.75	
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		\$ 3,892.75
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		\$70,656.24

Balance December 31, 1954

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$62,406.24
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G	7,600.00
Cash on Hand	150.00
Transfer to Town Account	500.00
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	\$70,656.24

WEST ACTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$ 809.75	
Received Interest for 1954	24.46	
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		\$ 834.21

Balance December 31, 1954

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$ 834.21
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GEORGIA E. WHITNEY CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$1,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	140.66	
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		\$ 1,640.66
Received Interest for 1954	50.52	
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		\$ 1,691.18

Balance December 31, 1954

Bank Balances in Savings Bank	\$ 1,691.18
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GEORGIA E. WHITNEY FUND

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$14,073.70	
Unexpended Balance	824.39	
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		\$14,898.09
Received Interest for 1954		434.54
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		\$15,332.63

Balance December 31, 1954

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$14,632.63	
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1954	700.00	
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		\$15,332.63

FRANK C. HAYWARD FUND

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$1,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	131.13	
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		\$ 1,131.13
Received Interest for 1954		29.80
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		\$ 1,160.93

Balance December 31, 1954

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 1,160.93	
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HOIT AND SCOTT CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1954

Principal Fund	\$500.00	
Unexpended Balance	65.58	
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		\$ 565.58
Received Interest for 1954		14.26
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		\$ 579.84

Balance December 31, 1954	
U. S. Savings Bond Series D.	\$ 500.00
Bank Balance in Savings Bank	79.84
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	\$ 579.84

LUKE BLANCHARD CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1954	
Principal Fund	\$ 1,585.55
Received Interest for 1954	43.47
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	\$ 1,629.02
Balance December 31, 1954	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 1,579.02
Transfer to Town Account	50.00
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	\$ 1,629.02

HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND

Monument Perpetual Care

Balance January 1, 1954	
Principal Fund	\$ 700.00
Unexpended Balance	133.70
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	\$ 833.70
Received Interest for 1954	24.10
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	\$ 857.80
Balance December 31, 1954	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 857.80

HENRY S. RAYMOND FUND

Balance January 1, 1954	
Principal Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Unexpended Balance	238.26
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	\$ 2,238.26
Received Interest for 1954	69.36
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	\$ 2,307.62

Balance December 31, 1954	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 2,307.62

SUSAN NOYES HOSMER FUND

Balance January 1, 1954	
Principal Fund	\$ 82,238.95
Unexpended Balance	3,396.88
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	\$ 85,635.83
Received Interest for 1954	2,578.09
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	\$ 88,213.92

Balance December 31, 1954	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 86,713.92
Transfer to Town Account	1,500.00
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	\$ 88,213.92

J. ROLAND WETHERBEE CEMETERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1954	
Principal Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Unexpended Balance	613.45
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	\$ 10,613.45
Received Interest for 1954	292.11
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	\$ 10,905.56

Balance December 31, 1954	
Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 10,655.56
Transfer to Town Account	250.00
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	\$ 10,905.56

WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1954	
Principal Fund	\$ 16,738.52
Unexpended Balance	400.02
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	\$ 17,138.54

Received Interest for 1954	504.66	
Bequest, Arthur F. Davis	1,000.00	
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		1,504.66
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		\$ 18,643.20
Balance December 31, 1954		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 18,298.15	
Transfer to Town Account, Davis Fund	70.05	
Transfer to Town Account	275.00	
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		\$ 18,643.20

TOWN OF ACTON STABILIZATION FUND

	March, 1954	
Principal Fund	\$ 10,000.00	
Received Interest for 1954	81.26	
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		\$ 10,081.26
Balance December 31, 1954		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$ 10,081.26	

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HENRY SOAR,

Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

INVESTMENTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$	465.54	
U. S. Bonds	\$	3,000.00	
			\$ 3,465.54

RECEIPTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$	14.54	
U. S. Bonds		75.00	
			\$ 89.54

EXPENDITURES

Treasurer of the Evangelical Church in Acton	\$	69.54	
Town of Acton for perpetual care of Goodnow Lot in Woodlawn Cemetery		20.00	
			\$ 89.54

ROY H. LINS COTT
FRANK E. GREENOUGH
HORACE F. TUTTLE
Trustees of Goodnow Fund

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

The Trustees of this fund have made an effort this year to keep the amount of its gifts within the interest dividend received from the fund.

We have carefully investigated fifteen cases throughout the year and have signed orders to the Town Treasurer for the sum of seven hundred twenty-five dollars (\$725.00).

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA L. SAWYER,
HELEN B. WOOD,
THELMA M. BLOOD,
Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The accompanying report covers the financial transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 1954 and consists of the following.

- I. Summary of Appropriations, Transfers and Expenditures.
- II. Schedule of Receipts and Departmental Payments.
- III. Balance Sheet.

The 1955 amortization requirements for the bonded indebtedness are:

High School Addition	\$ 1,000.00
Elementary School	15,000.00
Blanchard Auditorium- Gymnasium	20,000.00
Total	<u>\$36,000.00</u>

I have verified the accounts of the Treasurer, Collector and Manager of the School Cafeteria; and have checked the various funds in the custody of the Treasurer and Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD O. NYLANDER,

Town Accountant

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Appropriated	Expended	Balance
Selectmen's Dept. Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,746.00	\$ 3,708.52	\$ 37.48
Selectmen's Dept. Expense	200.00	189.20	10.80
Finance Committee	75.00	10.00	65.00
Moderator	55.00	55.00	—
Treasurer, Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	—
Treasurer, Expense	350.00	350.00	—
Assessors, Salaries	3,750.00	3,704.30	45.70
Assessors, Expense	300.00	236.18	63.82
Collector, Salary	1,900.00	1,900.00	—
Collector, Expense	350.00		
R	75.00	424.00	1.00
Collector, Adding Machine	225.00	225.00	—
Accountant, Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	—
Accountant, Expense	150.00	149.49	.51
Town Clerk, Salary	800.00	614.25	185.75
Town Clerk, Expense	350.00	345.89	4.11
Elections & Registrations, Salaries and Wages	1,598.00	1,525.00	73.00
Elections & Registrations, Expense	850.00	802.70	47.30
State Census	700.00	—	700.00
Planning Board	500.00	305.77	194.23
D	20.00	—	20.00
Board of Appeals	25.00	12.25	12.75
D	30.00	13.00	17.00

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds, Salaries and Wages	3,760.00	2,450.51	1,309.49
Buildings and Grounds, Expense	3,400.00		
R	120.92	3,520.92	—

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept. Salaries and Wages	17,070.00	16,972.63	97.37
Police Dept. Expense	4,325.00	4,324.36	.64
Police Dept. New Cruiser, Article 30	3,200.00	3,109.09	90.91
Fire Dept. Salaries and Wages	7,760.00	5,127.05	2,632.95
Fire Dept. Expense	5,961.00		
R	316.05	6,277.05	—

Fire Alarm System, Labor	3,820.00	3,625.60	194.40
Fire Alarm System, Expense .	1,050.00	671.94	378.06
Fire Hydrant Rental	10,000.00	9,730.00	270.00
Acton Water District, Hosmer Street, Art. 26	2,000.00	200.00	1,800.00
Fire Dept. Radios & Alternators, Art. 22	1,825.00	1,562.00	263.00
Fire Dept. Pump Forestry Truck, Art. 29	300.00	300.00	—
West Acton Fire Station, Fire- proof Boiler Room, Art. 34 ...	425.00	418.47	6.53
South Acton Fire Station, Heat- ing System, Art. 35	1,550.00	1,550.00	—
Fire Companies Insurance, Article 16	375.00	335.25	39.75
Moth Dept. Wages	1,500.00	1,314.05	185.95
Moth Dept. Expense	1,200.00	1,192.87	7.13
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00	636.00	364.00
Poison Ivy Control, Art. 11 ...	1,000.00	998.60	1.40
Tree Dept. Wages	1,600.00	1,592.20	7.80
Tree Dept. Expense	1,000.00		
R	10.53	1,010.53	—
Replacement of Shade Trees, Art. 10	250.00	206.95	43.05
Tree Dept. Chain Saw, Art. 14 ..	600.00	600.00	—
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary	250.00	250.00	—
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expense	50.00	41.58	8.42
Wire Inspector, Salary and Travel	750.00	750.00	—
Wire Inspector, Expense	100.00	78.83	21.17
Dog Officer	450.00	280.00	170.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salaries,			
Board Members	50.00	50.00	—
Town Nurse	3,100.00	3,070.00	30.00
Substitute Nurse	300.00	276.00	24.00
Agent	300.00	300.00	
Dump	3,200.00		
R	280.00	3,477.00	3.00
Clerical Wages	1,920.00	1,478.50	441.50
Board of Health, Expense,			
Board Members	750.00		
R	196.95	946.56	.39
Nurse	750.00		
R	65.00	815.00	—

Agent	450.00	416.60	33.40
Dump	1,100.00		
R	100.00	1,110.95	89.05
State Sanatorium	2,500.00	363.00	2,137.00
Medical Supplies	150.00	136.63	13.37
Clinic	300.00	190.00	110.00
Inspector	300.00	297.65	2.35
Garbage Collections	4,950.00	4,950.00	—
Inspector of Animals, Salary ...	150.00	150.00	—
Inspector Animals, Expense ...	25.00	21.10	3.90

HIGHWAYS

Village Highways	3,000.00	2,998.32	1.68
Chapter 81	8,550.00		
G	15,675.00	24,222.08	2.92
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,200.00		
G	2,400.00	3,596.97	3.03
Chapter 90 Construction	3,750.00		
G	11,250.00	1,790.60	13,209.40
Road Machinery	2,700.00	2,403.99	296.01
Snow Removal	13,000.00	11,197.64	1,802.36
Highway Dept. Vacations	700.00	547.60	152.40
Highway Culverts (Art. 11, 1951)	4,000.00	—	4,000.00
B			
Signs and Lines	500.00	493.78	6.22
Street Lighting	6,568.00	6,040.12	527.88
Granite Marker Restoration ...B	411.50	—	411.50
Laurel Court	69.14	—	69.14
B			
Spreader Body, Sanding High- ways	41.91	—	41.91
B			
Snow Plow, Art. 32	500.00	494.00	6.00
Tractor-Loader, Art. 31	2,200.00	2,156.00	44.00

CHARITIES

General Relief	S	500.00		
		3,000.00	3,231.91	268.09
Welfare District		1,475.00	1,475.00	—
Old Age Assistance		41,000.00		
	B	7,431.91		
	G	21,476.73		
	L	2,337.04	55,286.16	16,959.52
Aid to Dependent Children		5,000.00		
	B	2,139.41		
	G	3,554.20	8,928.32	1,765.29
Disability Assistance		3,500.00		
	B	1,783.54		
			S 500.00	
	G	1,126.69	3,343.47	2,566.76

VETERANS' AID

Agents' Salary	200.00	200.00	—
Agents' Expense	150.00		
R	98.00	248.00	—
Aid Expenditures	9,000.00		
R	1,575.00	10,570.97	4.03
Veterans Services, Salaries	900.00	799.75	100.25
Veterans Services, Expense	50.00	—	50.00

EDUCATION

Instruction	135,360.80	133,911.28	1,449.52
General Control	9,400.00	8,995.72	404.28
Textbooks and Supplies	11,247.53	11,147.25	100.28
Plant Operation	25,250.00	25,242.19	7.81
Maintenance	1,350.00	1,324.08	25.92
Auxiliary Agencies	21,225.00	19,317.63	1,907.37
Outlay	3,225.00	2,987.28	237.72
Contingency Fund	700.00	439.66	260.34
Blanchard Auditorium, Maintenance	4,000.00	482.26	3,517.74
School Cafeteria	B 1,803.10		
C	12,165.56	11,566.48	2,402.18
Athletics	500.00		
B	475.86		
C	994.49	1,607.81	362.54
Vocational tuition and transportation	2,500.00	1,462.43	1,037.57
Elementary School Building		S 8,500.00	
B	15,306.64	5,277.31	1,529.33
Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium	B 191,410.23		
S	8,500.00	160,908.38	39,001.85
School land purchase	B 12,650.00	A 200.00	
A	2,350.00	14,000.00	800.00
Auditorium and Gymnasium land purchase	1,300.00		
B	9,413.75	A 2,350.00	
A	200.00	8,466.63	97.12
Sewage Disposal	B 314.00	305.47	8.53
High School Rehabilitation	24,500.00	11,811.00	12,689.00
High School Building Committee	7,000.00	—	7,000.00

LIBRARIES

Salaries and Wages	2,100.00	2,036.70	63.30
Expense	971.00	908.10	62.90
Books	660.00		

	B	6.65		
	T	275.00	894.91	46.74
Counter, Memorial Library		410.00	395.00	15.00

CEMETERIES

Salaries and Wages		9,500.00	9,419.10	80.90
Expense		2,500.00	2,493.21	6.79
Mt. Hope Oiling	B	34.07	30.00	4.07
Mt. Hope Clearing and Grading R		500.00	442.00	58.00
Woodlawn Clearing and Grad-				
ing		1,058.05	827.02	231.03
Generator, Mower & Trimmer,				
Art. 18		500.00	496.55	3.45
Perpetual Care	B	457.67		
	T	500.00	594.35	363.32
Hosmer Fund	B	345.99		
	T	1,500.00	1,334.52	511.47
Luke Blanchard Fund	T	50.00	50.00	—
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund ...	B	47.53		
	T	250.00	246.75	50.78
Raymond Fund	B	38.03	20.75	17.28
Georgia Whitney Fund	B	53.88	27.81	26.07

RECREATION

Playgrounds		1,500.00	1,020.20	479.80
Skating Rink		200.00		
	B	500.00	—	700.00
Water Safety		500.00	450.00	50.00
Pony League Baseball		300.00	—	300.00

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST

Maturing Debt	36,000.00	36,000.00	—
Interest	7,560.00	7,560.00	—

UNCLASSIFIED

Miscellaneous expenses	1,500.00	324.71	1,175.29
Town Counsel	500.00	500.00	—
Town Reports	1,500.00	1,491.35	8.65
Surety Bonds	600.00	528.75	71.25
Workmens Compensation	2,000.00	1,363.48	636.52
Town Building Insurance	1,850.00	1,759.26	90.74
Officer and Employee Insurance	1,200.00	1,052.84	147.16
Memorial Day	600.00	560.02	39.98
Surface Drainage	3,500.00		
B	1,000.00	992.75	3,507.25
Zoning Committee .....B	312.26	180.90	131.36

Civil Defense	B	1,738.08	866.34	871.74
Town Forest, Cutting Brush ...		100.00		
	B	281.42	213.60	167.82
Town Forest Committee	B	420.00	—	420.00
Pension and Military Service				
Funds		2,392.34	2,392.34	—
Stabilization Fund		10,000.00	10,000.00	—
Sub-total of Cash Expenditures			750,896.87	
			S 9,000.00	
		900,171.45	A 2,550.00	137,724.58

NO APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Withholding Taxes	28,154.80
Massachusetts Hospital Service	3,246.90
Middlesex County Retirement ..	3,782.36
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	6,489.97
Middlesex County Dog Licenses	1,197.20
Middlesex County Tax	10,851.06
Middlesex County Hospital Assessment	3,500.44
State Audit	3,714.42
State Parks	778.14
Refunds on Taxes	3,637.22
Trust Funds	3,345.00
Interest on Trust Funds	6,683.67
Trust Fund Expenditures	1,587.05
Hurricane Emergencies	
Carol	3,657.57
Edna	3,783.97

Total Cash Expenditures ..	<u><u>\$835,306.64</u></u>
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KEY

- A—Audit Adjustments
- B—Balance
- C—Cash Receipts
- D—Guarantee Deposits
- G—Grants
- L—Lien Recoveries
- R—Reserve Fund
- S—Transfers authorized at Special Town Meetings
- T—Trust Fund Transfers

CASH RECEIPTS AND DEPARTMENTAL

Receipts

Cash Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 359,235.46
Treasurers' Itemized Report	697,687.41
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Total Cash	<u>\$1,056,922.87</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Salaries and Wages:

Carl A. Christofferson	\$ 333.34	
Leo C. Cunningham	250.00	
Frederick W. Abbt	250.00	
Arthur W. Lee	66.66	
Lawrence Donnelly	50.00	
George S. Braman	50.00	
Virginia Milbery, clerk	2,663.52	
Clerical Assistance	45.00	
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		3,708.52

Expenses:

Postage	43.44	
Stationery	53.26	
Association Dues and Meetings ..	35.00	
Typewriter Repairs	52.50	
1954 Laws	5.00	
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		189.20

Finance Committee

Association Dues.....	10.00
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Moderator

Albert P. Durkee	55.00
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Treasurer

Salary:

William Henry Soar	1,200.00
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Expense:

Postage	120.33
Telephone	18.05
Stationery and Printing	144.62
Stenographic Services	60.00
Sundry	7.00

350.00

Assessors

Salaries and Wages:

Albert P. Durkee	1,800.00
Carl C. Flint	800.00
James A. Baker	800.00
Marion Baker, clerk	304.30

3,704.30

Expenses:

Forms and Printing	111.65
Transfers and Probates	81.53
Association Dues and Meetings ..	24.00
Sundry	19.00

236.18

Collector of Taxes

Salary:

Charles M. MacRae	1,900.00
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Expenses:

Books and Printing	183.98
Postage	213.16

Association Dues and Meetings ..	4.50
Sundry	22.36

424.00

Collector — Adding Machine

Percy C. Decker & Co.	225.00
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Town Accountant

Salary:

Donald O. Nylander	1,200.00
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Expense:

Books, Supplies and Printing	133.99
Stenographic Services	12.50
Association Dues and Meetings ..	3.00

149.49

Town Clerk

Salary and Fees:

Harlan E. Tuttle	400.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, recording vital statistics	214.25

614.25

Expenses:

Stationery and Printing	67.89
Association Dues	7.50
Telephone	50.00
Postage	33.50
Stenographic Services	187.00

345.89

Elections and Registrations

Salaries and Wages:

Julia A. Barry	200.00
Grace C. Cullinane	200.00

James B. Wilson	200.00	
Harlan E. Tuttle, clerk	150.00	
Payrolls — elections and meetings	713.50	
Posting warrants and notifying officers elected	40.00	
Other wages	21.50	
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		1,525.00

Expenses:

Printing warrants, voting lists, books and ballots	622.70	
Rentals for voting	95.00	
Clerical Expense	85.00	
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		802.70

Planning Board

Salaries and Wages:

Equipment and Supplies	104.87	
Printing and Typing	64.70	
Rules and Regulations	123.70	
Dues	12.50	
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		305.77

Board of Appeals

Stationery and Supplies	12.25
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Buildings and Grounds

Salaries and Wages:

Custodial Services	1,556.00	
Care of Grounds	370.51	
Payrolls — Highway Dept.	524.00	
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		2,450.51

Expense:

Heat	969.71
Light	425.05

Telephone	307.35
Maintenance Supplies	318.07
Board of Health Office	428.29
West Fire Station Driveway	250.00
Building Repairs	555.10
Sundry	267.35

3,520.92

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Salaries and Wages:

Michael Foley, Chief	4 420.00
Regular Officers	12,371.68
Special Officers	180.95

16,972.63

Expense:

Police Cruisers

Gas and Oil	1,612.64
Repairs	1,231.66
Insurance	28.42
Radio Service	188.80

3,061.52

Other:

Telephone	381.83
Association Dues and Meetings ..	18.00
Uniforms and Equipment	650.37
Stationery and Printing	126.65
Bicycle Registration	64.56
Sundry	21.43

1,262.84

Police Cruiser

Great Road Garage	2,474.80
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Motorola, Inc.	553.71
Accessories	80.58

3,109.09

Fire Department

Salaries and Wages:

H. S. MacGregor, Chief	550.00
Annual Salaries	825.00
Fire Payrolls	3,032.05
Janitor Payrolls	720.00

5,127.05

Expense:

Fuel	765.55
Lights	244.48
Telephone	727.60
Gas and Oil	372.23
Association Dues, Meetings and Chief's Expense	250.00
Repairs and Parts for Equipment	1,162.55
Protective Clothing and Equipment	1,054.86
Hose	1,028.75
Maintenance Supplies	152.90
Sundry	518.13

6,277.05

Fire Alarm System Maintenance

F. W. Rimbach	3,120.00
Other Services	505.60
Expense	671.94

4,297.54

Fire Hydrant Rental

Acton Water District	9,500.00
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Town of Concord 230.00

9,730.00

Article 22 — Radios and Alternators

Farrar Company 1,562.00

Article 26 — Water Main Extension

Acton Water District 200.00

Article 29 — Forestry Truck Pump

Farrar Company 300.00

Article 34 — Fireproof Boiler Room — West Fire House

Lloyd W. Priest 418.47

Article 35 — Heating System — South Fire House

Thermal Engineering and
Sales Co. 1,550.00

Moth Department

Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt. 618.65

Payrolls 695.40

1,314.05

Expenses:

Truck 548.25

Equipment Repairs 221.80

Gas and Oil 113.95

Insecticide 296.00

Sundry 12.87

1,192.87

Dutch Elm Disease

Truck 36.00

Brewer Tree Expert Co. 600.00

636.00

Poison Ivy Control

Charter Tree Service 998.60

Tree Department

Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt.	496.80
Payrolls	1,095.40

1,592.20

Expenses:

Truck	504.00
Equipment Repairs	85.49
Equipment Rental	128.00
Flood Lights	166.05
Hardware	53.13
Sundry	73.86

1,010.53

Shade Trees

Franklin Charter, Supt.	32.40
Payrolls	26.40
Truck	18.00
Clark's Nursery	130.15

206.95

Chain Saw — Article 14

Nine Acre Farm Supply	143.53
Frost Insecticide Co.	125.00
Buxton Poultry Service	331.47

600.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Salary:

A. Perry Marble	250.00
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Expense:

Books, Seals, Etc.	41.58
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Wire Inspector

Salary and Travel:

B. D. Goss	187.50
Kenneth L. Duffy	562.50

750.00

Expense:

Office Supplies and Telephone	78.83
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Dog Officer

Carl W. Flint	150.00
Destroying 20 Dogs	130.00

280.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Salaries and Wages:

Dr. Orma L. Clark, Chairman	25.00
Herbert Leusher	15.00
Martin Duggan	10.00
Eileen Hale, Town Nurse	3,070.00
Hazel Vose, Substitute Nurse	276.00
Geraldene Prentiss, Clerk	6.00
Claire Jackson, Clerk	196.50
Vesta Thompson, Clerk	1,276.00
Town Dump Payroll	3,477.00
Edward J. Higgins, Agent	300.00

8,651.50

Expense:

Board	946.56
Nurse	815.00
Agent	416.60
Inspector	297.65
Dump	1,110.95
State Sanatorium	363.00

Medical Supplies	136.63
Clinic	190.00

4,276.39

Garbage Disposal

Henry M. Anderson, contract	4,950.00
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Inspector of Animals

Salary:

Arno H. Perkins	150.00
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Expense:

Sundry	21.10
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HIGHWAYS

Village

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	498.75
Payrolls	1,537.45

Expenses:

Truck	187.80
Cold Patch	131.45
Insecticide	55.85
Hardware	310.12
Granite Bounds	163.20
Sundry	113.70

2,998.32

Chapter 81

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	2,613.25
Payrolls	8,960.15

Expenses:

Trucks	875.40
Rental of Machinery	4,653.52
Cold Patch and Asphalt	3,861.81

Stone, Sand and Gravel	1,415.90
Calcium Chloride	188.00
Cable Guard and Posts	627.20
Brushkiller	55.85
Cement	19.05
Grates	264.00
Pipe and Culverts	687.95

24,222.08

Chapter 90 — Maintenance

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	108.50
Payrolls	462.70

Expenses:

Trucks	37.20
Rental of Machinery	557.69
Cold Patch and Asphalt	2,067.13
Stone, Sand and Gravel	363.75

3,596.97

Chapter 90 — Construction

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	276.40
Payrolls	916.50

Expenses:

Trucks	94.80
Rental of Machinery	473.70
Concrete Pipe	29.20

1,790.60

Road Machinery

Expenses:

Gas and Oil	812.03
Parts and Repairs on Equipment	1,211.46
Mower	295.00

Bristol Strips	75.00
Truck Plates	10.50

2,403.99

Snow Removal

Wages:

Russell C. Berry, Supt.	952.00
Payrolls	2,043.00

Expenses:

Tractor and Trucks	612.05
Sander	1,564.25
Plowing	2,415.75
Sand	713.25
Salt	1,508.50
Gas and Oil	148.98
Parts and Repairs on Equipment .	1,089.86
Forecast Service	150.00

11,197.64

Highway Department Vacations

Payrolls	547.60
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Article 31 — Tractor-Loader

Sandberg Equipment Co.	2 156.00
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Article 32 — Snow Plow

Charles N. Wood Co.	494.00
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Signs and Lines

Signs	258.39
Transportation	2.59
Hardware	7.80
Painting lines	225.00

493.78

Street Lighting

Boston Edison Company	6,040.12
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CHARITIES

Public Welfare

General Relief

Aid to individuals	1,588.00
Medical payments	864.76
Aid by other communities	779.15

3,231.91

Administration

Nashoba Public Welfare District	1,200.00
Acton Welfare Board Salaries:	
A Perry Marble	125.00
Lossie Laird	75.00
Walter B. Stevens	75.00

1,475.00

Old Age Assistance

Town Funds:

Aid to individuals	41,000.00
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Federal Grant:

Aid to individuals	13,117.63
Aid by other communities	1,168.53

55,286.16

Aid to Dependent Children

Town Funds:

Aid to individuals	5,000.00
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Federal Grant:

Aid to individuals	3,928.32
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8,928.32

Disability Assistance

Town Funds:

Aid to individuals	3,000.00
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Federal Grant:

Aid to individuals	343.47
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3,343.47

VETERANS' AID

Veterans' Benefits

Salary:

Benjamin F. Rice, Agent	150.00
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Edward J. Higgins, Agent	50.00
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200.00

Administrative:

Travel expense, postage and telephone	248.00
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Aid to Veterans and Veterans' dependents	10,570.97
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Veterans' Services

Salary and Wages:

Theron A. Lowden, Director	735.00
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Geraldene Prentiss, Clerk	64.75
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799.75

EDUCATION

Instruction	133,911.28
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General Control	8,995.72
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Textbooks and supplies	11,147.25
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Plant operation	25,242.19
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Maintenance	1,324.08
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Auxiliary agencies	19,317.63
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Outlay	2,987.28
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Contingency	439.66	
		203,365.09
Blanchard Auditorium maintenance ..	482.26	
School Cafeteria	11,566.48	
Athletics	1,607.81	
Vocational tuition and transportation	1,462.43	
Elementary School building	5,277.31	
Blanchard Auditorium & Gymnasium		
Building	160,908.38	
School land purchase	14,000.00	
Blanchard Auditorium land purchase ..	8,466.63	
Sewage disposal	305.47	
High School rehabilitation	11,811.00	

LIBRARIES

Salaries and Wages:

Salaries and Wages:

 Librarians:

Mary H. Lothrop	1,026.00
Marian L. Piper	348.60
Ina B. Milbery	259.00
Barbara Nylander	19.60
Custodial services	383.50

2,036.70

Expense:

Heat	507.06
Light	117.07
Water	20.00
Stationery and printing	99.50
West Branch	33.86
Insurance	54.04
Sundry	76.57

908.10

Library Books

Books and periodicals	894.91
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Memorial Library Counter

Counter, accessories and installation ..	395.00
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CEMETERIES

Wages:

Frederick S. Kennedy, Supt.	3,060.00
Payrolls	6,359.10

9,419.10

Expense:

Fuel oil and heater service	269.98
Lights	14.47
Repairs to equipment	333.70
Seed, fertilizer, etc.	177.63
Gas and oil	52.63
Water	44.00
Hardware, pipe, paint, etc.	500.44
Lime, lumber and cement	125.49
Trucking	529.50
Administrative	56.64
Painting Mt. Hope Chapel	128.00
Sundry	260.73

2,493.21

Electric Generator, Trimmer and Mower

Acton Supply, Inc.	265.40
Power Lawn Mower Service	231.15

496.55

Mount Hope Oiling

Assabet Sand & Gravel Co.	30.00
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Mount Hope Clearing and Grading

Payrolls	242.00
Equipment rental	200.00

442.00

Woodlawn Clearing and Grading

Payrolls	189.20
Equipment rental	408.42
Pipe, etc.	229.40

827.02

Perpetual Care

Payrolls	510.20
Flowers	65.40
Seed and loam	18.75

594.35

Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund

Payrolls	714.80
Seed, loam, etc.	282.69
Rental of equipment	24.00
Culverts	205.94
Trimmer	39.95
Sundry expense	67.14

1,334.52

Other Private Trust Funds

J. Roland Wetherbee	246.75
Georgia A. Whitney	27.81
Henry S. Raymond	20.75
Luke Blanchard	50.00

345.31

RECREATION

Playgrounds

F. W. Rimbach, Supt.	250.00
Payrolls	364.33

Gas and oil	40.21
Water	20.00
Seed, loam, lime, etc.	43.95
Repairs and parts for equipment	116.52
Lumber	46.48
Baseball diamond equipment	103.35
Sundry	35.36

1,020.20

Water Safety

Laffin's Garage	450.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Delivering Town Reports	39.25
Advertising	33.25
Sound system for Town Meetings	120.00
Painting World War II Memorial	14.00
Guard rail repairs	47.36
Miscellaneous hurricane expense	12.85
Sundry	58.00

324.71

Town Counsel

John Sheehan	500.00
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Town Reports

The Concord Press	1,491.35
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Civil Defense

Communication equipment and service	332.43
Observation Tower repairs	272.33
Administrative expense	48.80
Telephone	47.70
Flood lighting	84.25

Sundry	80.83	
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		866.34

Surety Bonds

Collector	306.75	
Treasurer	214.50	
Town Clerk	7.50	
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		528.75

Insurance

Workmens Compensation	1,363.48	
Town Buildings	1,759.26	
Officer and Employee	1,052.84	
Fire Companies	335.25	
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		4,510.83

Memorial Day

23rd Infantry Band	225.00	
182nd Infantry, National Guard	25.00	
Flowers and wreaths	155.60	
Flags	92.80	
Parade notice	11.20	
Transportation expense	15.00	
Refreshments	31.96	
Ammunition	3.46	
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		560.02

Surface Drainage

Howard Snelling	992.75
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Zoning Committee

Boston Blue Print Co.	14.60	
The Beacon Publishing Co.	166.30	
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		180.90

Town Forest — Cutting Brush

Payrolls	181.60	
Rental of equipment	32.00	
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		213.60

Pension and Military Service Funds

Middlesex County Retirement System	2,392.34
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Maturing Debt and Interest

High School Addition	1,000.00	
Elementary School	15,000.00	
Blanchard Auditorium	20,000.00	
Interest	7,560.00	
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		43,560.00

Stabilization Fund

Cambridge Savings Bank	5,000.00	
Cambridgeport Savings Bank	5,000.00	
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		10,000.00

No Appropriation Accounts

Withholding Taxes	28,154.80
Massachusetts Hospital Service	3,246.90
Middlesex County Retirement	3,782.36
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement ..	6,489.97
Middlesex County Dog Licenses	1,197.20
Middlesex County Tax	10,851.06
Middlesex County Hospital Assessment	3,500.44
State Audit	3,714.42
State Parks	778.14
Refunds on Taxes	3,637.22
Trust Funds	3,345.00
Interest on Trust Funds	6,683.67
Trust Fund expenditures	1,587.05

Hurricane emergencies:

Carol	3,657.57
Edna	3,783.97
Board of Appeals, Guarantee Deposits	13.00
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Total Expenditures	\$835,306.64
Cash Balance, December 31, 1954	221,616.23
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	<u>\$1,056,922.87</u>

Reserve Fund Transfers

Veterans Benefits	1,575.00
Veterans Benefits, Agent Expense ...	98.00
Board of Appeals	25.00
Collector—Expense	75.00
Buildings and Grounds—Expense	120.92
Fire Department—Expense	316.05
Tree Department—Expense	10.53
Board of Health:	
Dump Salaries	280.00
Dump Expense	100.00
Nurse Expense	65.00
Board Expense	196.95
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	<u>2,862.45</u>

Road Machinery Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	5,723.01
Received from rentals	5,090.30
Unexpended balance—Road Machinery	
Account	296.01
Unexpended balance — Tractor-loader	
Account	44.00
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	<u>11,153.32</u>

Transferred to Road Machinery Account	2,700.00
Transferred to Tractor-loader Account	2,200.00
Balance, December 31, 1954	6,253.32
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	11,153.32
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Cemetery Land Fund

Balance, January 1, 1954	1,180.35
Received from sale of lots	560.00
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Balance, December 31, 1954	1,740.35
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TOWN OF ACTON

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash:

General Funds	\$	\$221,616.23
Petty Cash Funds		70.00

\$221,686.23

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1948

Real Estate	31.20
Personal Property	82.37

113.57

Levy of 1949

Real Estate	42.30
Personal Property	71.44
Poll	4.00

117.74

Levy of 1950

Real Estate	365.21
Personal Property	165.12
Poll	2.00

532.33

Levy of 1951

Real Estate	150.61
Personal Property	615.70
Poll	4.00

770.31

Levy of 1952

Real Estate	1,201.63
Personal Property	609.20
Poll	6.00

1,816.83

Levy of 1953

Real Estate	9,005.66
Personal Property	1,231.41
Poll	12.00

10,249.07

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1954

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions	\$ 1,083.87
Tailings—Reserve for unclaimed checks	111.63
County Dog Licenses	22.80
Cemetery Land Fund	1,740.35
Disability Assistance Recovery	321.76
Road Machinery Fund	6,253.32
Reserve for Petty Cash Funds	70.00
School Cafeteria	2,402.18
School Athletic Fund	362.54
Planning Board—Guarantee Deposits	20.00
Board of Appeals—Guarantee Deposits	17.00
Appropriation and Transfer Balances:	
State Census	\$ 700.00
Dutch Elm Disease	364.00
Chapter 90—Construction	13,209.40
Highway Culverts	4,000.00
Elementary School Building	1,529.33
Auditorium and Gymnasium Bldg.	39,001.85
High School Building Committee ..	7,000.00
High School Rehabilitation	12,689.00
Mount Hope Cemetery—Clearing and Grading	58.00
Woodlawn Cemetery—Clearing and Grading	231.03
Pony League Baseball	300.00
Surface Drainage	3,507.25
Civil Defense	871.74
Town Forest—Cutting Brush	167.82
Town Forest Committee	420.00
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	84,049.42
Trust Fund Income Transfer Balances:	
Cemetery—Perpetual Care	363.32
Hosmer Fund	511.47
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund ...	50.78
Henry S. Raymond Fund	17.28
Georgia Whitney Fund	26.07
Library—Wilde Memorial Fund ...	46.74
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	1,015.66

Levy of 1954		
Real Estate	29,153.03	
Personal Property	2,647.55	
Poll	154.00	
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		31,954.58
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		45,554.43
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy of 1948	46.71	
Levy of 1949	157.60	
Levy of 1950	266.76	
Levy of 1951	415.62	
Levy of 1952	360.26	
Levy of 1953	971.87	
Levy of 1954	4,390.11	
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		6,608.93
Tax Titles	79.37	
Tax Title Possessions	400.19	
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		479.56
Departmental:		
County Dog Officer	58.50	
School	1,090.93	
Veterans Benefits	364.75	
Old Age Assistance	554.94	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,020.24	
Cemetery	196.50	
Highway	72.50	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Hurricane Emergency—		
Carol	3,657.57	
Hurricane Emergency—		
Edna	3,783.97	
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		10,799.90
Aid to Highways:		
County	3,750.00	
State	12,957.85	
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		16,707.85
1955 Revenue		7,000.00
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		308,836.90
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Over-Estimates—1954

County Tax	409.48	
County Hospital	503.85	
State Parks	3.07	
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		916.40

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance	16,959.52	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,765.29	
Disability Assistance	2,566.76	
Administration	394.85	
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		21,686.42

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	7,056.21
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Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1948	113.57	
Levy of 1949	117.74	
Levy of 1950	532.33	
Levy of 1951	770.31	
Levy of 1952	894.48	
Levy of 1953	5,111.07	
Levy of 1954	4,493.49	
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		12,032.99

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise ..	6,608.93	
Tax Title and Tax Possessions	479.56	
Departmental	3,358.36	
Aid to Highways	16,707.85	
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		27,154.70

Surplus Revenue	142,519.65
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308,836.90

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	343,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Treasurer:

Henry S. Raymond—Monument Fund	857.80
Henry S. Raymond—Cemetery Fund	2,307.62
Charlotte Conant School Library Fund	1,585.97
Hoit and Scott—Cemetery Fund	579.84
J. Roland Wetherbee—Cemetery Fund	10,655.56
Elizabeth White Charity Fund	27,127.26
Georgia E. Whitney Charity Fund	14,632.63
Wilde Memorial Library Fund	18,298.15
West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	834.21
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	6,491.60
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	70,006.24
Cemetery Surplus Fund	221.32
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	1,579.02
Frank C. Hayward Cemetery Fund	1,160.93
Georgia E. Whitney—Cemetery Fund	1,691.18
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	86,713.92
Betsy Ball Charity Fund	11,344.41
Stabilization Fund	10,081.26

266,168.92

In Custody of Trustees:

Charlotte Goodnow Fund	3,465.54
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269,634.46

DEBT ACCOUNTS

High School Addition Loan	3,000.00
Elementary School Loan	260,000.00
Blanchard Auditorium Notes	80,000.00
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	343,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities: —

In custody of Town Treasurer	266,168.92
In custody of Trustees	3,465.54
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269,634.46

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD O. NYLANDER,

Town Accountant

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1954. The Tree Department removed 125 trees of all species this year. Of this number 86 were removed because of hurricane damage.

The Department planted 32 new trees along the town ways. This year we have planted some smaller maturing trees where growing space is limited.

The poison ivy around the town buildings and schools was sprayed. All the streets in town were sprayed as well, where gardens or adjacent shrubbery did not limit us.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year the cemetery has received and paid into the treasury the sum of \$2,684.85 which can be found itemized in the town treasurer's report. Also in the town collector's report you will find the sum of \$595.00 collected for the annual care of lots, which is credited to the cemetery department receipts.

There has been added to the perpetual care account the past year, in new and additional accounts, the sum of

\$2,075.00.

Both cemeteries suffered heavy damage to the shade trees by the two hurricanes this fall, which necessitated not only the removal of broken limbs but the removal of several large shade trees which were damaged severely.

A section of land in both Woodlawn and Mt. Hope Cemeteries has been cleared and additional lots will be made available this coming year.

Respectfully submitted

RAY L. HARRIS
HOWARD F. JONES
HARRY E. HOLT
Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Marian L. Piper, Assistant Memorial Library

Mrs. Ina Milbery West Acton Branch

Custodian

Paul Greenough

With regret, we note the passing of one of our Corporate members, Mrs. Marion C. Reed, whose interest and untiring efforts made her a valuable member of our Board of Trustees.

Library Progress in 1954

1. Removal of the counter style desk which obstructed traffic, and replacement by a modern desk, which has speeded up book handling and has eased the traffic problem.

2. Completion of re-indexing of all books of biography by the most recent classification methods. This involved many hundred volumes. All new accessions have been indexed by this system. This is the completion of the first phase of a program bringing up-to-date the indexing of all books by the most modern classification system.

3. The weeding out of obsolete and useless books has been carried on. Scores of such volumes have been discarded with a consequent gain of shelf space.

4. An efficient fan was procured through the Davis Fund for the comfort of the Librarians and the Public.

5. A Children's Room has been set aside. This was made possible by the addition of shelving to the Children's Reading Room, and by removal of Children's books from the main stacks to this space. With the exception of one alcove, all Juvenile material is now concentrated in the one room.

6. A program was instituted of replacing standard works, which either had been worn out, or which were originally printed in fatiguingly small type.

Library Objectives for 1955

1. Expansion of the Children's Room by additional shelving, removal of vault doors in that room, and adding lighting inside.

2. Construction of a cat-walk between galleries on second floor to facilitate passage of the Librarians and the Public.

3. Maintenance of the plant, including pointing up brickwork, repair of bulkhead, etc.

4. Improvement of lighting in reference and reading sections.

5. Considerable thought is being spent on plans for the

future of the Library by those who daily feel the pinch of space and realize that all too soon there will be no room for the storage of new books. The improved Children's Room is inadequate. More space is needed for this purpose and for the addition of new general books, and as has been recommended before, space for the exhibition of objects of historical and educational interest. Many such objects are in the possession of the Library; many others would be loaned but space is lacking for their exhibition. An addition to the Library for these purposes in the not too distant future is not only desirable but becoming a necessity.

Accession—

Number of Volumes in Library January 1, 1954	19576
Increase by purchase	269
Increase by gift	299
Withdrawn from circulation	1556
Number of Volumes January 1, 1955	18588

Circulation—

Number of days Library was open	149
Number of Volumes circulated	24233
Largest daily circulation—November 8	1156
Smallest daily circulation—September 1	35
Daily average	162 plus

The Circulation shows a gain of over 1000 over the preceding year and is the largest we have ever had. The break down is as follows

Fiction	11562	Juvenile	9288	Non-Fiction	3383
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It is of interest that the cost to the Town of circulating one book in the West Branch is \$.20 as compared with a cost of \$.13 in the Center Library.

We are open three days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. We open at 2 P.M. and close at 9 P.M., with an hour out for supper from 6 - 7. The Branch is maintained on Tuesdays from 3 - 6 P.M. and from 6 - 8 P.M. on Thursdays. We share it with a semi-private Library.

The Library has instituted a system of lending to the elementary public schools for the State Certificate Reading. I used to transport the books myself but as the Town grew, it

became impossible to move over 4000 books every two months, and the teachers have been co-operating very well.

The Library has been the recipient of a goodly sum of money. It came from the Estate of Mr. Taintor. He was an uncle of Dr. Robert Davis. He married an Acton girl and when she died, he left money to us which will amount to the neighborhood of \$13,000. As this goes to print, the money is in the process of passing hands. We feel very grateful for the opportunities which it will provide.

The Library acknowledges with gratitude, books from the following:

Mr. Robert Charles, 1; Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Christoffer-son, 2; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Collins, 5; Miss Elizabeth Con-
don, 1; Miss Romona Davis, 2; Mr. and Mrs. George Dick, 7; Miss Lynda Dulaney, 3; Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Forbes, 2; Mrs. Laura Forbes, 18; Miss Lois Hall, 3; Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Jones, 9, and magazines; Howard Lee, 1; Miss Mary Lothrop, 1; Mrs. Edward Moore, 78, and magazines; Miss Katherine Motley, 6; John Murphy Jr., 26; Mr. and Mrs. North, 7; Mr. and Mrs. Ott, 11; Mr. and Mrs. Pettingell, 1; Ralph W. Piper, Jr., 2; The Randen Foundation, 1; Mr. and Mrs. Eliot W. Remick Jr., 77; Rex Corporation, magazines; State of Massachusetts, 1; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, 33; Walter Stevens, magazines; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Tolf, 1; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Wold, 1.

Financial Receipts

Library Fines	\$213.66
Miscellaneous	6.40
Books sold	6.00
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	\$250.67

MARY LOTHROP,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE FOR ACTON

The Middlesex County Extension Service is a publicly supported, educational institution to serve all the towns of the county in agriculture and home economics. In agriculture the work is developed county-wide under the direction of county councils made up of leading farmers in each of the main commodities as vegetables, fruit, poultry, dairying, livestock, and commercial flowers. A county bulletin is mailed monthly to all cooperating farmers, and timely information is furnished by circular letter, by radio, by telephone and by personal interview, and particular information is sent to those who request it.

Fruit and vegetable service as well as handling numerous calls from home owners was a vital part of the program. Louis Flerra and Albert Jenks of West Acton are leaders. Flerra is on the Vegetable Advisory Committee, and Jenks serves on the Fruit Committee.

Information and assistance was made available to all dairy and livestock producers in this area. Farm visits, circular letters, radio talks and local meetings were all employed as means of assisting the local farmers to better understand and keep abreast of the many changes in agricultural techniques.

The official dairy cow testing program in the area is directly supervised by the Livestock Agent and includes the service of complete record keeping on the production and feeding of dairy cows. All farmers in the area have available the services of the Artificial Breeding Program through the local Association, and a soil testing laboratory is maintained to serve all farmers or landowners who desire a soil analysis to determine the fertility of their soil.

Service was extended through the Extension Poultry Program in three primary areas: the poultry flock, its care and improvement, breeding, feeding, health, and management; poultry products, their care and disposition, process-

ing, storage, merchandising, pricing, and consumer information; and the farmer, his farm and family and agriculture, business management, youth work, and assistance to organizations. F. W. Putnam, Jr., Woodbury Lane, Acton served as a member of the 1953-1954 Extension Poultry Advisory Committee.

The Extension Service cooperated with the Minuteman Turkey Association in holding meetings for everyone interested in turkeys in this area. These meetings are held each month at the offices of the Middlesex County Extension Service, 19 Everett St., Concord. The Extension Service cooperated with the Middlesex County Poultry Assoc. in holding meetings for poultrymen in Acton, at the town hall. F. Wendell Putnam, Woodbury Lane served as President of the organization for 1954.

Home Demonstration Agents are trained home economists ready to solve problems in homemaking: foods, nutrition, canning, freezing, clothing, home furnishings, home management, family life, family and community recreation. A monthly letter is sent to all who request it.

Mrs. Ingolf Hope, Mrs. Laurence Winslow, and Mrs. Cleon Phelps are members of the Advisory Committee. Programs presented during 1954 were chair seating, slip cover and lamp shade construction, Christmas Everywhere, and foundation facts and figures. Three women participated in a county-wide training school.

There were five 4-H Clubs in Acton approximately and about 22 girls and 27 boys enrolled. The Poultry Club was under the leadership of Caroline Livermore and David Driscoll. The Dairy Club was under C. William Benson; the Garden, Mrs. Norman McIntosh; Horse, Mrs. Betty Morrison; Clothing, Mrs. Ingolf Hope and Mrs. David Driscoll. There were also a few members enrolled in the Boxboro Sheep Club. The boys and girls participated in the 4-H program by being in judging events and demonstration events. Two boys and two girls from Acton enrolled at Camp Middlesex.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen :

The Board of Health herewith submits its report for the year 1954, together with the report of its Agent, Town and School Nurse, Inspector of Food and Milk, Inspector of Sanitation, Inspector of Slaughtering, and a general report on the health problems of the Town as they were encountered during the year.

For your reading convenience our report this year is divided into five categories: Establishing a New Health Office, Administration of the Town Dump, Consideration of a New Town Plumbing Code, Pollution Study, and Miscellaneous Health Conditions.

Establishing a New Health Office:

During the past few years the work load of the Board has been so great that a centralized Board of Health office has been fast becoming a necessity. Many complaints have been received, requests for inspections have been numerous, permits and licenses of various kinds have had to be issued almost every day owing to the rapid increase in population and housing. All this, plus the fact that our records were filed in the homes of the Board members and Agent and not complete in one place, made the need for an office with a full-time clerk imperative. It was voted by the Board to request the Selectmen for a Board of Health room in the Town Hall. The Board hired Mrs. Claire Jackson as clerk to the Agent until permanent quarters could be established. In April of 1954 the Selectmen advised us that a room in the Town Hall would be provided and on June 7 the new Board of Health office was opened to the public with a full-time secretary, Mrs. Vesta Thompson, in charge. We wish to extend our appreciation to the Selectmen for making this new office a reality for because of it we have been able to serve the people of Acton with more capability and efficiency.

Administration of the Town Dump:

To meet adequately the needs of the people of Acton the Town Dump is kept open 24 hours a day, every day. A typical day as reported by Custodian Alexander Whiteneck, showed a count of 340 cars including 44 trucks taking advantage of the dump's facilities. This sort of traffic necessitates the hauling in of a vast amount of fill to build a solid and efficient runway. This extra fill has increased automatically the over-all expense of maintaining the dump. However, because of the increased home and industrial population of the Town this added expense was justified.

Mr. Frank Greenough has always been willing to aid us in any way possible and we wish to express our appreciation to him. During the past year when we were in need of gravel at the dump due to the settlement of the 1938 hurricane trees, Mr. Greenough gave free gravel and the use of a bulldozer.

Edward J. Higgins, Agent of the Board of Health, has made faithful and periodic inspections of the dump to control the deposit of offal and refuse, to insure safety from rats, vermin and other dangerous contamination, and to keep it clean for public use. It goes without saying that to keep the Town Dump in its present good condition, it is necessary for the public to co-operate by knowing and abiding by the rules posted in the area.

Consideration of a New Town Plumbing Code:

The rapid growth of the population of Acton has necessitated the consideration of a Plumbing Code for the protection of Town home-owners. In the past the Board of Health considered the advisability of such a Plumbing Code, however, because of the absence, until recently, of a Planning Board and Zoning and Wiring Laws, it was considered infeasible. Local and State pressure has been applied for the establishment of such a Code, and on January 1, 1955, by unanimous vote of the Board, the Plumbing Code, under Chapter 111, went into effect. The following appointments were made by the Board of Health:

Joseph G. Perry of West Acton Plumbing Inspector
William Osbeck of Maynard, Assistant Plumbing Inspector

Pollution Study:

During 1954 a preliminary survey for the detection of possible pollution along Fort Pond Brook was made by the Board of Health, the Agent, with the aid of Herbert Nickerson, State Engineer. Aubrey Kretschmar, a member of the Town Planning Board, accompanied the Survey Group at the invitation of the Board. This is not the first time such a survey has been made, there have been many in past years.

From thirteen different stations along the brook, water samples were collected and taken to the State Laboratories for examination by the State Engineer. The return report indicated the presence of pollution. Three of the thirteen stations were reported dangerously contaminated, and Board action was taken to alleviate this condition. Further and more extensive survey along Fort Pond Brook, Nashoba Brook, and the Assabet River is recommended by the Board of Health before an adequate pollution study can be complete. The continued good health and well-being of the people of Acton depend upon appropriate health protection.

Miscellaneous Health Conditions:

Good garbage service depends to a great extent upon the co-operation of the home-owners of Acton. Several complaints of poor garbage collection received this year, when investigated, proved to be the result of unintentional transgression of the rules. It might be well to reiterate the rules of Garbage Collection:

1. The word "garbage" shall include all refuse of animal and vegetable matter which has been used or was intended to be used for food for human consumption.
2. No paper or rubbish may be mixed with the garbage. If there is paper or rubbish in the container with the garbage, the Collector shall not be obliged to collect the garbage.
3. Rain or other water must be kept out.
4. No disinfectants may be poured on the garbage as it is fed to hogs.

A great deal of time, energy and strength has been expended by the Board of Health and the Collector in the effort to provide good, dependable, regular service.

Presently we have no patients in the State Sanitorium at Waltham, nor do we anticipated any for the coming year. However, it is necessary to have on hand appropriated funds for unpredicted cases. This fund is subsidized by the state and returns are made to the Town Treasurer during the first quarter of each year.

There have been six licenses issued for child centers and kindergartens in the Town during the past year. The State Health District requires that these be licensed and under the supervision of the local Board of Health.

Due to the many problems that have come before the Board of Health it has been physically impossible to correct them in one regular meeting a month. During the year of 1954 we have had 98 different special meetings besides our regular meeting each 3rd Monday of the month.

The Board of Health requests, urgently, that dog bites and all communicable diseases such as Chicken-Pox, German Measles, Measles, Mumps, Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough be reported faithfully to the Board of Health Office. This is imperative! This is important! The control of contagious diseases depends upon this simple vigil. Weekly reports of local conditions are sent from this office to the State Office in Boston, thence to the National Office in Washington. At the National Office a watchful eye is kept on every section of the country. If raging contagion overwhelms any area, miracle drugs and immune globulin are raced to the rescue. Your call or card can stop an epidemic! Don't forget!

This past year water was piped to the dump. We wish to thank Chief MacGregor and the Fire Department for their co-operation in fighting fires there.

Our appreciation goes to Chief of Police, Michael Foley, for the many times he has assisted us in investigations.

Your Board of Health is pledged to the preservation of good Health conditions in our Town, and we will work long and ardently toward keeping the Town free from the hazards of health problems. The newly established office is open each week, Monday - Friday, for the specific purpose of handling any of your health questions or requests. We will watch, carefully, for new and changing laws and rules of health regula-

tions. We will take advantage of State and National advice and assistance. We will hold many special and after-hour meetings. We will do everything we can to keep Acton in good health!

Respectfully submitted,

ORMA L. CLARK, M.D., Chairman
HERBERT L. LEUSHER
MARTIN J. DUGGAN
EDWARD J. HIGGINS, Agent
Board of Health.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

To the Board of Health:

There were ninety-three cases of contagious diseases which are dangerous to the public health reported during the year 1954.

Cases reported:

Chicken-pox	31
German Measles	5
Measles	19
Mumps	11
Scarlet Fever	8
Dog Bite	19
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	93

There were thirty-one deaths reported for which burial permits were issued during the year.

Died in Acton	26
Died elsewhere	5
Buried in Acton	16
Buried elsewhere	15

EDWARD J. HIGGINS
Agent

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Old Age	}	165 visits
Welfare		
Aid to Dependent Children		
Veterans, Veterans' Widows or their dependents		
Communicable Diseases		
Childhood Diseases		18
Tuberculosis:		
Trips to Waltham Sanatorium		10
Number of persons X-Rayed at monthly clinic		56
Inactive Tuberculosis patients and contacts		26
Paid visits to persons under Doctor's care:		
Medical, Surgical, Chronic — 803		
Trips to hospitals and doctors with patients		6
Follow-up visits (not charged)		311
Kindergartens inspected		3
Maternal and Child Health Visits:		
Prenatal		20
Postnatal		70
Preschool children		62
School children (home visits)		166
Home Deliveries		1
Night, Sunday and off hour calls ...		38
Total number of visits		1693
Total amount of money received and turned over to Treasurer .....\$749.00		

In the Town as well as in the schools, prevention should

be stressed more in many aspects of Public Health. There are still some infants not being immunized against diphtheria until school age. More work must be done on Maternal and child health in the future and it is hoped that we may establish some dental care for the preschool children this coming year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Health for their co-operation during the past year and for the time allowed me to attend a course in Public Health Nursing at Simmons College.

The Board of Health office is open every day, Monday through Friday and the Town Nurse may be reached by contacting this office. The phone number is Col. 3-4736.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN F. HALE, R.N.,
Town Nurse.

REPORT OF MILK AND FOOD INSPECTOR

Board of Health
Acton, Massachusetts

Following is a report of the Milk and Food Inspection for 1954:

- 10 Milk plants visited
- 7 Eating places visited
- 2 Catering establishments
- 10 Stores where milk is sold
- 2 Ice Cream licenses issued
- 19 Milk licenses issued
- 11 Milk Dealer's licenses issued
- 13 Oleomargarine licenses issued
- 1 Slaughtering of Poultry license issued

It has been a pleasure to serve the Board of Health of Acton as Milk and Food Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

BRADFORD S. LEACH

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health
Acton, Massachusetts

There were no cases of slaughtering reported in Acton during the year. Several inquiries were made in regard to slaughtering but when price was quoted the people decided to take their slaughtering elsewhere.

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SANITATION

To the Board of Health:
Acton
Massachusetts

Three hundred and forty-three complaints and inspections were acted on during the year as follows:

Inspection of septic tanks and cess pools (2 inspections are necessary for each permit issued)	156
Complaints of overflowing—running into streams and creeks and others concerning water tests and such	
On file by letter	7
Verbal complaints	46
Swimming places tested and inspected	12
Homes and surroundings inspected on complaints	110
Licenses granted for operating nursery schools, motel and overnight camps, and transportation of offal thru Acton	12
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EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Sanitary Inspector

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the Board of Public Welfare for the year 1954.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: The year opened with 60 recipients in this group and closed with 57. There have been 4 deaths and 1 withdrawal. Two new applications have been approved.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN: During the year aid has been rendered to 7 families with a total of 15 children under this category of assistance.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE: Four recipients have been aided in this group.

GENERAL RELIEF: The Board has extended aid to two recipients with regular monthly grants. In addition to this there has been a heavy drain for hospital care, doctors and temporary aid to Acton residents living in other towns.

The following is a detailed analysis of the expenditures for 1954 and the estimated expenditures for 1955:

Old Age Assistance

Amount paid to Acton residents	\$ 54,117.63	
Amount paid to Acton cases elsewhere	1,168.53	
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		\$ 55,286.16
Federal share	\$ 22,720.95	
State share	22,413.68	
Receipts from other towns	703.16	
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		\$ 45,837.79
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Net cost to Acton		\$ 9,448.37

Aid to Dependent Children

Amount paid to Acton residents	\$ 8,928.32
Federal share	\$ 3,517.30
State share	2,976.11
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	\$ 6,493.41
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Net cost to Acton	\$ 2,434.91

Disability Assistance

Amount paid to Acton residents	\$ 3,343.47
Federal share	\$ 1,228.73
State share	1,299.13
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	\$ 2,527.86
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Net cost to Acton	\$ 815.61

General Relief

Maintenance	\$ 2,349.15
Hospital	706.76
Doctors	176.00
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	\$ 3,231.91
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Net cost to Acton	\$ 3,231.91

Administration of Nashoba Public Welfare District

TOTAL COST	\$ 8,168.91
Net cost to Acton	\$ 1,200.00

Recoveries from Liens on Property

Total refund	\$ 3,473.30
Federal share	\$ 1,354.59
State share	1,412.48
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	\$ 2,767.07
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Net refund to Acton	\$ 706.23

Recovery from Insurance Assigned to Acton

Total Recovery \$ 321.76

Estimated Expenditure for 1955

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	\$ 41,000.00
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN .	\$ 5,000.00
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE	\$ 3,000.00
GENERAL RELIEF	\$ 3,000.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,800.00
SALARIES FOR BOARD MEMBERS	\$ 275.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. PERRY MARBLE,
LOSSIE E. LAIRD,
WALTER B. STEVENS,
Board of Public Welfare

BOARD OF APPEALS

January 7, 1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Acton Board of Appeals herewith submits its annual report for the year 1954.

Since this is the first annual report of the Board of Appeals it has been thought desirable to include some background information for the benefit of the citizens of Acton.

The Board of Appeals exists as part of the administrative machinery of the Protective Zoning By-Law. The General Laws of Massachusetts provide that the Selectmen shall enforce the Zoning By-Law but that any person who feels aggrieved by any decision of the Selectmen may appeal to

the Board of Appeals.

Section 30 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws provides for a Board of Appeals consisting of three members to be appointed by the Selectmen. The Board of Appeals has the following powers: (1) To hear and decide appeals from decisions of the Board of Selectmen relative to the Protective Zoning By-Law, (2) To hear and decide requests for special permits upon which the Board of Appeals is required to pass under the terms of the Protective Zoning By-Law, and (3) To authorize upon appeal or petition a variance from the terms of the Protective Zoning By-Law, where a literal enforcement of its provisions would involve substantial hardship and where desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the By-Law, but not otherwise. The Board of Appeals is limited to these powers by law.

The present Board of Appeals was appointed in April 1954 with Bradford Sturtevant and Donald Parker as alternates. During the year it has held six public hearings. Two variances have been granted; two petitions have been granted with qualifications, and two petitions have been rejected as being detrimental to the general welfare. The Board has at all times kept in mind that the Zoning Law can only be effective by cooperation on the part of all of the town officers concerned. Acting on this belief we have, at various times, sought and received the cooperation of the Selectmen, the Board of Health, the Planning Board, the Town Counsel and the Chief of the Fire Department. The Board of Appeals thanks these various public officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYWARD S. HOUGHTON
OTTO O. PASANEN
EDWARD M. FERRY

Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE NAGOG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE 1954

The major activities of the Nagog Regional School District Committee for the period January 1, 1954 through December 31, 1954 are as follows:

1. Aaron Marcus elected Chairman to replace Mansfield Branigan — January 6.
2. Contract signed with Architect S. W. Haynes. Preliminary plan for building accepted — January 28.
3. Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission approved preliminary plans — May 1.
4. Town Meetings in Acton and Littleton for approval of Bond Issue for \$1,200,000 resulted in a favorable vote in Acton and a negative vote in Littleton.
5. Committee decided to submit revised proposal for approval of voters of both towns at Town Meetings to be called in the fall.
6. Littleton on October 4, for second time, voted to disapprove the Bond Issue presented for \$1,236,000.

The work of the committee for the balance of the year has consisted of winding up its affairs preparatory to the eventual submission of an appropriate withdrawal amendment by the Town of Littleton.

The committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank all town officials and members of the School Boards and Finance Committees of both towns for their help and support in this effort to provide a better High School jointly for our towns.

It is hoped that the decisions which have been made in regard to this problem will prove to be in the best common interest of all concerned.

Herewith is a copy of the Treasurer's Report.

AARON MARCUS, Chairman
WARREN HANSON
DANA HARDY
ELIZABETH BOARDMAN
ROGER CRAFTS
DANA HINCKLEY

NAGOG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report

Balance January 1, 1954	\$39,588.10	
Receipts January 1 to December 31, 1954:		
Income on investment in United		
States Treasury Bills	206.50	
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		\$39,794.60
Payments January 1 to December 31,		
1954:	\$16,921.03	
Balance December 31, 1954:		
The National Shawmut Bank of		
Boston	22,873.57	
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		\$39,794.60

Schedule of Payments

Payments:

January 1 to December 31, 1954:	
Architect	\$12,054.00
Contour survey	425.00
Educational consultants	1,200.00
Legal	1,390.00
Office equipment and supplies	444.18
Office rent.....	229.00

Salaries	235.40
Telephone	113.65
Treasurer's bond	30.00
Miscellaneous	799.80

\$16,921.03

PRISCILLA FELT

District Treasurer

Auditor's Report

Nagog Regional District School Committee
 Acton
 Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Nagog Regional School District for the period from April 3, 1953 to October 6, 1954, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE

Director of Accounts

**PROTECTIVE ZONING BY-LAW
OF THE TOWN OF ACTON**

Special Town Meeting December 16, 1953

at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to adopt, amend and adopt or reject the proposed Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Acton as filed in the office of the Town Clerk and printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the residents of Acton, or act anything thereon.

Motion: That the proposed Protective Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Acton, dated November 3, 1953, prepared by the Acton Zoning Committee appointed in accordance with the vote of the annual Town Meeting of March, 1951, presented to a legally advertised public hearing on Monday, April 13, 1953, approved unanimously, after minor amendments, on May 21, 1953, by the Acton Zoning Committee, submitted to the Selectmen, acting as the Town Planning Board on May 25, 1953, filed with the Town Clerk, and distributed to the residents of Acton with the Warrant calling for this Town Meeting, December 16, 1953, be adopted.

Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Acton

Preamble

For the purpose of promoting in the Town of Acton the health, safety, convenience and welfare of its inhabitants, to lessen the dangers from fire, congestion and confusion and to encourage the most appropriate use of land in the Town, this protective By-Law is enacted.

SECTION I

Continued Non-Conforming Use of Land and Buildings and Temporary Uses

Nothing in this By-Law shall prohibit the continued lawful use of land or buildings in the same or similar manner in which they were used at the time of the adoption of this By-Law, but if any non-conforming use shall be discontinued for a period of more than five years, it may not be resumed except by permit or variance granted by the Board of Appeals:

Necessary repairs and rebuilding of non-conforming structure after damage by fire, storm, or similar disaster are hereby permitted provided they are accomplished without undue delay and do not substantially change the character or size of the buildings nor the use to which they were put prior to such damage.

Temporary Uses. The Board of Appeals may permit a temporary building or use incidental to the development of a neighborhood, such permit to be issued for an initial period of not more than two years and for renewal periods of not more than one year each.

SECTION II — DISTRICTS

1. *Classes of Districts.* For the purposes of this By-Law the Town of Acton is hereby divided into the following three classes of districts:

- a. Residential and Agricultural.
- b. Business.
- c. Industrial.

Said districts are defined and bounded on the map which accompanies this By-Law, entitled "Zoning Map of the Town of Acton". Map No. 1 dated and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, which map, with the notations thereon, is hereby made a part of this By-Law. In the event of any difference between scaled distance upon said map and distance as indicated by figures, said figures shall govern.

2. Lots in Two Districts. When a district boundary line

divides a lot of single or joint ownership of record at the time this By-Law is adopted, the regulations for the less restricted portion of such lot shall extend not more than thirty feet into the more restricted portion, provided the lot has frontage on a street in the less restricted district.

SECTION III — RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

1. In a Residential and Agricultural district a building or premise may be erected, altered or used for the following purposes:

a. Dwellings for one or two families including garaging for not more than four private motor vehicles. Housing for farm equipment shall not be limited.

b. Multiple dwelling units for three or more families upon approval of the Board of Appeals.

c. Agricultural use including the sale of farm products, the major portion of which is grown on the premises.

d. Municipal, recreational, educational or religious use.

e. Accessory use on the same lot if not detrimental to the neighborhood, including the use of a room or rooms in a dwelling for not more than four paying guests, as a tea room, an office or studio by a physician, dentist, lawyer, music teacher, hairdresser, worker in handicrafts or a person of a similar vocation resident in the dwelling, employing not more than two permanent employees.

f. The following and similar uses may be permitted by the Board of Appeals if adjudged non-detrimental to the neighborhood: Sawmill, Stone Quarry, Kennel, Undertaking Establishment, Rest Home, Guest or Lodging House for more than four persons, Sand or Gravel Pit.

2. *Area Regulations.* A building may be erected only upon a lot having 150 feet or more frontage and containing 20,000 or more square feet, except that on an irregularly shaped lot having less than 150 foot frontage but containing the requisite area a building may be erected provided the set back and side line distances are maintained. A building and its buildings of accessory use may be erected on any lot which, at the time this By-Law is adopted, is in ownership of record.

3. *Set Back.* No building or other structure shall be erected nearer than 30 feet to the side line of the street, except that where two or more adjacent buildings have established a set-back line less than permitted above, the Board of Appeals may permit a new structure to be erected in conformity with the line so established.

4. *Side and Rear Lines.* No building shall be erected nearer than 10 feet to a lot line without permission of the Board of Appeals.

SECTION IV — BUSINESS DISTRICT

1. In a Business District, a building or structure may be erected or altered and a building, structure or premises may be used for any of the following purposes if not injurious, noxious or harmful to the health of the neighborhood by reason of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, vibration, noise or other cause.

a. Any use as permitted in a residential and agricultural district.

b. Retail business, service or public utility. Manufacturing on the premises of products the major portion of which is to be sold on the premises to the ultimate consumers thereof.

c. Bank or office.

d. Apartment, Hotel, or Lodging House. Not to include Trailer Camp.

e. Place of amusement or Assembly.

f. Restaurant.

g. The following and similar uses may be permitted by the Board of Appeals if adjudged non-detrimental to the neighborhood: Sawmill, Stone Quarry, Kennel, Undertaking Establishment, Wholesale business not involving manufacture, Warehouse, Sand or Gravel Pit.

2. *Set-Back.* No building or other structure shall be erected nearer than 30 feet to the side line of the street. Where two or more adjacent buildings have established a set-back line less than that permitted above, the Board of Appeals may permit a new structure to be erected in conformity with the line so established.

SECTION V — INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

1. In an Industrial District, a building or structure may be erected or altered and a building, structure or premises may be used for manufacturing not injurious, noxious or offensive to a neighborhood by reason of the emission of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, vibration, industrial waste (including the deposit in inland waters of silt, sand or stone, resulting from manufacturing processes), noise or other cause, and for all uses as permitted in Sections III and IV hereof.

2. Trailer Camps shall not be permitted.

3. *Set Back.* No building or other structure shall extend nearer than 30 feet to the side line of the street. Where two or more adjacent buildings have established a set-back line less than that permitted above, the Board of Appeals may permit a new structure to be erected in conformity with the line so established.

4. No building shall be erected nearer than 30 feet to a lot, side or rear line without permission of the Board of Appeals.

5. *Parking Area.* A parking area off the public ways must be provided for all automobiles used by persons employed in or about the premises.

6. *Off-Street Loading Facilities.* Off-Street loading facilities must be provided and be of sufficient area to keep the public way clear.

7. The industrial area marked A and shown on the map as located in Acton Centre lies southeasterly of Main Street between Nagog Hill Road and Brook Street and includes only the land described in the following deeds:

Mary A Packard to Technology Instrument Corporation, recorded in Middlesex South District Deeds Book 7632 Page 383.

Mary A. Packard to Lucius E. Packard and Raymond W. Searle, recorded in Middlesex South District Deeds Book 7840 Page 375.

Norman E. Livermore to Paul M. and Margaret McPher-

SECTION VI — ADMINISTRATION

1. *Enforcement.* This By-Law shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen in the manner provided for by the General Laws and the By-Laws of the Town. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Selectmen hereunder may appeal to the Board of Appeals.

2. In accordance with Section 30 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, a Board of Appeals consisting of three members shall be appointed by the Selectmen for terms of such length and so arranged that the term of one member shall expire each year. Two associates shall be appointed in like manner. Such Board shall have all the powers set forth in said Section, together with the powers and authority set forth in these Protective Zoning By-Laws.

3. No member of the Board of Appeals shall act in any matter in which he is personally interested, in such event an associate shall act.

4. In accordance with the General Laws this By-Law may be amended by a two-thirds vote of a Town Meeting.

5. Nothing in this By-Law shall be construed as repealing or modifying any existing Town By-Law, rule, regulation or permit, but shall be in addition thereto.

6. The invalidity of any section or provision of this By-Law shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof not manifestly inseparable therefrom.

7. These By-Laws shall take effect upon compliance of the provisions of Section 32, Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Amendment by Richard F. Deane.

That the Zoning By-Laws be amended, lots 1, A and B as described in the following legal description and shown on plan dated October 29, 1953 drawn by Horace F. Tuttle, C.E., be converted from residential to business. Description of Lot 1 and Lot A, shown on a plan of Land in Acton, owned by George

A. Morse, Sr., dated October 29, 1953; Beginning at the Northeasterly corner thereof at Lot B, shown on said plan and Main Street; thence S. $21^{\circ} 44'$ W. 230 feet and S. $41^{\circ} 12'$ W. 77.5 feet to a point of curve; thence turning to the North by a curve of 14.85 feet radius, 30.70 feet to Prospect Street; thence N. $21^{\circ} 48'$ W. along Prospect Street 282 feet to said Lot B; thence N. $88^{\circ} 45'$ E. by Lot B 266.7 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 41,758 square feet.

Description of Lot B shown on a plan of Land in Acton, owned by George A. Morse, Sr., dated October 29, 1953: Beginning at the Northeasterly corner thereof at land now or formerly of George A. Morse, Sr., shown as Lot 3 on a plan of land owned by Timothy J. Hennessey, dated December 15, 1950 and Main Street; thence along Main Street S. $22^{\circ} 04'$ W. 100.37 feet S. $20^{\circ} 35'$ W. 100 feet, and S. $21^{\circ} 44'$ W. 255.8 feet to Lot A shown on a plan dated October 29, 1953; thence S. $88^{\circ} 45'$ W. by Lot A 266.7 feet to Prospect Street; thence N. $21^{\circ} 48'$ W. by said Prospect Street 212.10 feet to a pipe at land of David and Eleanor Tuttle; thence on land of said Tuttle, N. $69^{\circ} 51'$ E. 325 feet, N. $21^{\circ} 21'$ E. 205.41 feet to a corner at land now or formerly of George A. Morse, Sr., thence S. $66^{\circ} 20'$ E. by said Morse land 150 feet to the point of beginning; containing 2.80/100 acres.

Amendment carried.

Amendment by Louis A. Flerra.

That the following described parcel of land, the property of Louis A. Flerra, presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass., as within a District defined as Residential and Agricultural be redistricted as Business. The parcel is bounded and described as follows: From a point of beginning presently known as the Hapgood Crossing; thence running Northwesterly by Central Street 80.40/100 feet; Northwesterly and Northeasterly by Elm Street about 750 feet; Southeasterly about 690 feet; Southerly about 175 feet and Southwesterly about 490 feet by land of the Boston and Maine Railroad to point of beginning.

Amendment carried.

Amendment by Louis A. Flerra.

That the following described parcel of land, the property of Louis A. Flerra, and presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass., as within a District defined as residential and Agricultural be redistricted as Business. The parcel is bounded and described as follows: Easterly by Central Street 911.7/100 feet; thence Northwesterly about 550 feet; thence Southwesterly by land of the Boston and Maine Railroad about 1000 feet to point of beginning.

Amendment carried.

Amendment by Louis A. Flerra:

That the following described parcel of land, the property of Louis A. Flerra, and presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass., as within a District defined as Residential and Agricultural be redistricted as Industrial. The parcel is bounded and described as follows: From a point of beginning by Central Street about 120 feet Southwesterly of the Boston and Maine Railroad Crossing known as the Hapgood Crossing; thence Westerly along Easterly Bank of Fort Pond Brook; thence following the Easterly Bank of Fort Pond Brook to land of the Boston and Maine Railroad about 1100 feet to Hapgood Crossing; thence Southwesterly to point of beginning.

Amendment carried.

Amendment by James E. Kinsley:

That the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton Map No. 1, filed in the office of the Town Clerk and incorporated by reference in the proposed Protective Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Acton be amended as follows: By indicating through proper lines or shading as a Business District the land bounded:—

Northerly by new State Highway known as Route 2.

Easterly by Hosmer Street 540 feet;

Southerly by land of various owners on a line parallel with the Southerly line of said State Highway;

Westerly by Piper Road 540 feet.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amendment by Alan Pederson.

That the following described parcel of land, the property of Ingeborg Pederson, and presently shown on the Zoning Map

of the Town of Acton, Mass., as within a District defined as Residential and Agricultural be redistricted as Business. The parcel is bounded and described as follows:—Being situated about half a mile northerly of the center village on Newtown Road, containing about one and one half acres ($1\frac{1}{2}$). Beginning at the Southwesterly corner thereof at said Newtown Road and land of Frank W. Putnam; thence Northerly along Newtown Road to land formerly of Herbert F. Robbins; thence Easterly along said Robbins land to land of Frank W. Putnam; thence Southerly on said Putnam land to the said Newtown Road and the point of beginning.

Amendment Carried.

Amendment by Edward H. Howard.

That the following described parcels of land, the properties of Margaret C. Bogart, Harold Prentiss, Edward H. Howard and Russell A. Fitz, presently shown on the Zoning Map of the Town of Acton, Mass., as within a District defined as Industrial be redistricted as Residential and Agricultural.

Parcel 1 is bounded and described as follows:—Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the parcel at land formerly of the City of Cambridge and Parker Street; thence Southeasterly 447.48 feet by land formerly of the City of Cambridge; thence Southeasterly by land of Frank Simeone 171.63 feet to Concord Street; thence Southwesterly by said Concord Street 699.55 feet; thence Northwesterly by Parker Street 527.31 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2 is bounded and described as follows:—Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the parcel at High Street; thence Northwesterly by said High Street 453.75 feet to Concord Street; thence Easterly by Concord Street 1915.75 feet; thence Southwesterly by land of Frank Simeone 214.5 feet; thence Southerly by land of Frank Simeone 188.75 feet; thence Southerly by land formerly of the American Powder Mills to a corner; thence Westerly by land of Neely 1611.5 feet; thence Northerly by land of Berglind 221.5 feet; thence Westerly by land of Berglind 152.5 feet to said High Street and the point of beginning.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Motion to vote by ballot on Zoning—

Hand vote, Yes 84; No 155.

Motion Lost.

Voted on the original motion as amended.

Hand vote, Yes 133; No 122.

Voted to adjourn at 11:54 P.M.

Boston, Massachusetts, February 9, 1954.

The within Zoning By-Law is hereby approved as amended.

GEORGE FINGOLD,
Attorney-General.

A true copy.

Attest: Harlan E. Tuttle,
Town Clerk.
(Seal.)

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ACTON

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954



Town of Acton, Massachusetts

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ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT 1954

The School Board respectfully submits the following report for the year 1954.

First we would like to thank the several town departments and officers for their help in carrying out requests made by the School Department. We would also like to express our appreciation to the Finance Board for its advice, cooperation, and backing on several matters of vital interest to the town at large and School Department in particular. We should also like to thank the Acton members of the Nagog Regional District for their untiring efforts in their attempt to alleviate Acton's school housing needs, and for so graciously sharing with our committee the facts and figures secured by their research. That the district was unable to build a school does not mean their efforts were in vain, for the data obtained has been useful to us and will doubtless be of great value to the committee engaged at the present time in planning a new high school for Acton children. Finally we wish to extend our thanks and congratulations to the Blanchard Auditorium Building Committee. With the addition of this facility to the town, the physical education program for Acton boys and girls will be vastly improved.

This year the initial steps of the first phase of the program to rehabilitate the present Acton High School were accomplished by the installation of a new oil fired boiler and the repairing and retiling of the boys' and girls' locker rooms. The final step of phase one as outlined in the Special Town Meeting June 28, 1954, was to be the installation of new lighting fixtures throughout the school to bring the level of light intensity in all classrooms up to recognized education standards. An article has been inserted in this year's town warrant requesting additional funds to accomplish this work, and the committee respectfully requests the support of the townspeople for this article, so that the work may proceed during the summer vacation.

Phase two of the rehabilitation program as outlined June 28, 1954, called for the installation of unit ventilators through-

out the school so that we could comply with requirements for proper ventilation as established by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Therefore, an article appears in this year's warrant calling for a sum of money to carry out this work during the summer vacation. Lighting and proper ventilation are essential to the well-being of our children and contribute to the overall effective classroom atmosphere, and so the committee again solicits your support for this article.

This year has seen many changes in the School Department. Mr. McNiff and Mr. Hinckley were re-elected at the annual town election in March. Two of our members, Mr. Frederick Abbt and Mr. Leo Cunningham, resigned from the board to accept new civic responsibilities as selectmen. The vacancies thus created were capably filled through the appointment of Mr. Craig Lundberg and Mr. Alvin Piper.

In August the committee granted a one year leave of absence to Superintendent Whitman Pearson so that he might accept an appointment as Assistant Superintendent of the Air Force Japan Dependents Schools. Mr. William O'Connell was appointed Acting Superintendent for the school year 1954-1955. Early in December the committee received and accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Pearson, who for six years had worked so untiringly with and for the Acton School children. The smooth and efficient operation of our schools this year speaks well not only for Mr. Pearson's organizational ability, but also for the unselfish cooperation and esprit de corps of the entire school staff. The committee is genuinely appreciative of and thankful for the splendid way in which Acting Superintendent O'Connell, his principals, his directors, and his teachers have carried on our school program.

The ever increasing number of school children within our town and our limited school housing facilities have forced us once again to employ the room over the firehouse in Acton Center as a classroom. Next year we will need at least one additional room outside of our school buildings for housing a new third grade. The committee feels that the plans presented by the present Acton High School Building Committee should be carefully studied and that positive action leading to the completion of a school building in Acton at the earliest possible time, be taken to arrest an extremely critical

crisis which will arise by 1956, when even our two platoon system may fail to solve our housing problems.

Your committee has endeavored to maintain the physical properties of the school department in a good state of repair. The existing frame buildings require constant maintenance to keep them in usable condition. Money spent on these buildings is spent grudgingly, however, for despite the best efforts of all concerned the facilities remain woefully inadequate, and the early abandonment of these buildings is strongly desired.

This past year the school department inaugurated on a trial basis a two-part summer program. During the summer months remedial reading was offered to those students who were desirous of improving their reading ability. Several students participated and under the capable direction of Miss Maureen Conlon and Mrs. Doris Santamour, considerable progress was made. It is our hope that this phase of the program be continued. The second part of the program was a summer playground under the direction of Mr. John Winton and Miss Phyllis Morse. This program had many participants but was severely handicapped by transportation difficulties and inadequate funds with which to operate. We sincerely hope that some civic organization will see fit to continue and expand this activity.

Your committee is increasingly aware of the aroused public interest in school affairs in Acton, in common with other communities throughout the country.

We have in our own school system many unsolved problems and many opportunities to improve the educational offerings to Acton's children. A great deal of well directed and careful research has taken place in recent years, much of which is aimed at ways and means of solving some of the very problems that exist in our own schools.

We feel that there is a promising opportunity here for effective and well organized Citizen Participation in school affairs, along lines which have been highly successful in other New England communities. Indeed, as a committee we would like to encourage such activity on the part of interested citizens, and would be pleased to assist in any way possible, the formation of such a group.

Our expectation would be that by this means the school committee could be kept constantly informed as to the ambitions of the town for the town's children, and in return would receive support and advice on such modifications and changes in our educational plan as were considered wise by a well informed group representing all the citizens of the town.

In concluding we wish to congratulate the individual members of the school staff and the Acting Superintendent of School for their fine work in improving the quality of school instruction offered to the boys and girls of Acton, and for their efforts toward better parent, teacher, pupil, and community relationship.

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LEONARD A. GODFREY, Chairman
DANA B. HINCKLEY
CRAIG E. LUNDBERG
EDMOND J. McNIFF
ALVIN R. PIPER
THOMAS E. WETHERBEE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Acton:

Herewith is presented my first report as Acting Superintendent of Schools for Acton:

School Finances 1954

Received — To the Credit of Public Schools

State Aid for Transportation (Costs above \$5 a pupil for transportation over 1½ miles) \$	3,807.50
State Aid for Public Schools (Approximately \$1,000 per teacher)	42,950.23

Tuition—Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wards	2,172.94
Tuition—City of Boston Wards	327.38
Tuition—Town of Boxborough	6,132.79
Tuition and Transportation—Town of Westford	884.55
Miscellaneous Collections at the High School	38.44

TOTAL\$56,313.83

Net Cost of Operating Public Schools

Appropriated March, 1954	\$207,758.33
Total amount expended	\$203,365.09
Received to Credit of Schools (explanation above)	56,313.83

NET AMOUNT FROM LOCAL TAXES\$147,051.26
Less: Cost of New Equipment (Capital Outlay) 2,987.28

NET COST OF OPERATION FROM LOCAL TAXES
\$144,063.98

Expended for Operation in 1954

	High	Elementary	Total
Instruction	\$58,364.73	\$ 75,546.55	\$133,911.28
Books—Supplies	4,917.10	6,230.15	11,147.25
Plant Operation	9,906.31	15,335.88	25,242.19
Plant Maintenance	443.01	881.07	1,324.08
Auxiliary Agencies	10,781.47	8,536.16	19,317.63
General Control	4,497.86	4,497.86	8,995.72
Contingencies	391.66	48.00	439.66
Gross Cost of Operation	\$89,302.14	\$111,075.67	\$200,377.81
Gross Cost per high school pupil (333)	\$ 268.17		
Gross Cost per elementary school pupil (562)		\$ 197.64	
Gross cost per pupil (895)			\$ 223.89
Gross Cost of Operation (as above)	\$89,302.14	\$111,075.67	\$200,377.81
Less Receipts	\$30,249.26	\$ 26,064.57	\$ 56,313.83
	\$59,052.88	\$ 85,011.10	\$144,063.98

Net Cost per high school pupil (333)	\$	177.34	
Net Cost per elementary school pupil (562)	\$	151.26	
Net Cost per pupil (895)			\$ 160.97

1955 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Total appropriation recommended by the School Committee	\$232,178.20
Estimate of School Aid and other state reimbursement	\$ 56,700.00
Estimate of other non-tax receipts for school support	11,835.00
Total non-local-tax receipts for school support	\$ 68,535.00
Amount to be raised by local taxation for school support	\$163,643.20

Estimated Receipts for 1955

STATE AID

General School Fund	\$ 48,000.00
(Approximately \$1000 per teacher)	
Transportation	7,000.00
(Transp. of pupils over 1½ miles)	
Education of Handicapped	1,700.00
(½ cost teacher's salary, plus (\$500 above that of reg. teacher)	
TOTAL STATE AID	\$ 56,700.00

TUITION

Town of Boxborough	\$ 9,000.00
Town of Westford	800.00

City of Boston	
Commonwealth of Mass.	2,000.00
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TOTAL TUITION PAYMENTS.	\$ 11,800.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Personal telephone calls	\$ 25.00
Damaged Books	10.00
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TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 35.00

1955 School Budget

Instruction	\$159,133.35
Books and Supplies	8,780.70
Operation of Plant	27,275.00
Maintenance of Plant	3,740.00
Auxiliary Agencies	18,325.00
General Control	11,925.00
Capital Outlay	2,299.15
Contingencies	700.00
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TOTAL 1955 SCHOOL BUDGET	\$232,178.20

Salaries

	Grades I-VI	Grades VII-XII
Salaries	\$76,970.44	\$70,960.16
Substitutes	500.00	500.00
Expenses—		
Transportation	400.00	400.00
New Staff:		
H. S. English		1,500.00
H. S. Science		1,500.00
Jr. High English and History		1,500.00
Jr. High Orientation and Guidance		1,500.00
Elementary, Grade 3	1,280.00	
Census	150.00	150.00

Military Service Fund		154.00
Summer Programs	500.00	500.00
Testing—		
Eleventh Grade		68.75
Increases—		
Courses or degrees completed	300.00	300.00
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TOTAL	\$ 80,100.44	\$79,032.91
GRAND TOTAL		\$159,133.35

Books and Supplies

GRADES I-VI

Textbooks—\$3,996.63

Primary	\$	758.05
Center		399.85
Remedial		25.00
West		488.49
South		275.58
Special		100.00
Miscellaneous		200.00
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		\$2,246.97

GRADES VII-XII

Junior High — English, Mathematics,		
Geography		350.00
Art		20.00
Music		137.40
Opportunity Class		115.00
Remedial		75.00
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		\$697.40

HIGH SCHOOL

English	50.00
Science	237.80
Commercial	326.96

Music	70.00
Guidance	92.50
Remedial	75.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
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	\$1,052.26
	697.40
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	\$1,749.66

SUPPLIES—\$4,784.07

Primary	\$ 557.21
Center	350.80
West	247.14
South	213.00
Guidance	50.00
Music	50.00
A-V Aids	150.00
General	500.00
Physical Education	200.00
Science	50.00
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	\$2,368.15

JUNIOR HIGH and HIGH

Science	103.31
Shop	200.00
Art	142.61
Home Economics	175.00
Guidance	95.00
Physical Education	500.00
A-V Aids	200.00
General	1,000.00
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	\$2,415.92

GRAND TOTAL\$8,780.70

Operation of Plant

Janitor Service	Grades I-VI VII-XII
Village Schools	\$ 6,500.00

High-Primary	3,100.00	\$ 3,500.00
Other	500.00	500.00
Fuel	2,500.00	2,500.00
Supplies	1,250.00	1,250.00
Water	175.00	100.00
Gas	250.00	200.00
Light-Power	1,200.00	1,500.00
Telephones	400.00	450.00
Plowing	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	200.00
Rent	900.00	
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	\$ 17,025.00	\$10,250.00
TOTAL		\$27,275.00

Maintenance of Plant

	Grades I-VI VII-XII	
Typewriter Repairs		\$ 150.00
Refinishing and Replacement of		
High School Furniture		1,000.00
Piano Tuning — Instrument Repairs	\$ 50.00	50.00
Center School Cesspool	150.00	
South School Roof	720.00	
Center School Roof	1,080.00	
Transfer of Radiator — South School	40.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	250.00
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	\$2,290.00	\$1,450.00
TOTAL		\$3,740.00

Auxiliary Agencies

	Grades I-VI VII-XII	
Libraries	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Promotion of Health	250.00	250.00
Transportation	5,000.00	12,000.00
Insurance		75.00
Printing and Advertising	25.00	25.00
Graduation		100.00

Tuition (separate account)	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
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	\$5,575.00	\$12,750.00
TOTAL		\$18,325.00

General Control

	Grades I-VI VII-XII	
Superintendent	\$1,312.50	\$1,312.50
Acting Superintendent	2,750.00	2,750.00
Attendance Officer	50.00	50.00
Secretary	1,350.00	1,350.00
Travel-Expenses	100.00	100.00
Stationery-Postage	87.50	87.50
Equipment	12.50	12.50
School Committee	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	250.00
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	\$5,962.50	\$5,962.50
TOTAL		\$11 925.00

Capital Outlay

	Grades I-VI VII-XII	
Bubblers—West School	\$100.00	
Metal Ironing Board		\$ 15.00
Singer Sewing Machine		125.00
Curtains—West School	53.15	
10 Desks and Chairs — New Primary	200.00	
Typewriter Replacement		800.00
Stepladder — New Primary	6.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	200.00
Classroom Furniture—III	600.00	
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	\$1,159.15	\$1,140.00
TOTAL		\$2,299.15

Contingency Fund

Contingencies	\$400.00	\$300.00
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Housing

The most important problem facing the people of Acton in the next few years is the housing of the pupils. With the defeat of the regional school this past year, the housing difficulties are increasing by leaps and bounds. It is possible that in September 1955 the school enrollment will reach close to 1000 students. With this tremendous increase in student population, the two-session day will answer the problem only until June of 1956. For example, we are graduating thirty-two seniors in June of 1955, and in September of the same year we will have close to one hundred students enrolled in the seventh grade. We intend to use the old Blanchard Hall for a homeroom for this very large class, and the girls' and boys' remodeled locker rooms. Our enrollment in the junior-senior high school, Grades 7-12, will be approximately four hundred students, and since the high school was originally built to accomodate two hundred and thirty-five, it can easily be seen that the building is taxed beyond capacity. The present Acton School Committee and Building Committee are working continuously to obtain a high school for Acton by 1956.

Regarding our elementary classes, it will be necessary to establish a new third grade in one of the villages, since at the present we have four second grades in the primary school.

The census report taken in October 1954 clearly shows that even our present primary classes will be overcrowded in a few years, since the pre-primary school reports show the entering classes to be as follows: 1955 - 92; 1956 - 107; 1957 - 106; 1958 - 125; 1959 - 132; 1960 - 90.

Instruction

With the growth of the school population it has been necessary to hire additional teachers for the Acton School System. This year we added two teachers to the junior-senior high school staff, Mr. Maurice Nolan to the commercial department in the high school, and Mr. William Lubold to the mathematics and science department in the junior high.

The teachers who resigned this past year are: Mr. Norton Levy, to Concord; Mr. Joseph Moynahan, to Wayland; Mrs.

Mary Durant, to Boston Teachers College; Miss Anne Derby, to Natick; Mrs. Nancy Catania, to Bedford; Mr. Carl Bowman, to industry; and Mrs. Mary Lou Robinson. Miss Maureen Conlon resigned December 1954 to accept a position in her home town of Lowell. It was with regret that we accepted Miss Conlon's resignation as she played an important part in setting up the remedial reading and special class in Acton. However, we have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Salvatore L. Lipomi of Tewksbury to succeed Miss Conlon effective January 3, 1955. Mr. Arthur Gulla was called by the U. S. Army and has a military leave until November, 1956. The School Committee, Superintendent, Principals and faculty are working on a salary schedule so that Acton may be able to retain its best teachers and to attract the more competent teachers to the Acton system.

New Faculty Members

Mrs. Angela Bemis	Grade I
Mrs. Shirley Baumgartner	Grade II
Mrs. James Dadoly	Grade II
Miss Margaret Rowe	Grade VI
Mr. William Cleary	High School Social Studies
Mr. James Dadoly	High School Science
Mr. John Dillon	Junior High Science and Mathematics
Miss Laura Kline	High School Mathematics
Mr. William Lubold.....	Junior High Science and Mathematics
Mr. Maurice Nolan.....	High School Commercial
Mrs. Doris Santamour.....	Elementary Remedial Reading
Mrs. Edith Hatch.....	High School Remedial Reading
Mr. Salvatore L. Lipomi.....	Opportunity Class

Future Additions to the Faculty

Effective in September 1955, two separate faculties will be instructing in the junior-senior high school. To bring this about it will be necessary to hire four additional teachers:

1) high school English, 2) high school science, 3) junior high English - history, 4) junior high orientation - guidance. To fill the position for the new third grade it will be necessary to hire an elementary school teacher.

Books and Supplies

It will be noted that the cost of books and supplies has increased over the past few years, and this is due to the increased school population. For example, there are only seventy-five sets of books in grade seven and one hundred students entering our seventh grade in 1955; therefore, we will need to purchase at least twenty-five additional sets of books. As these large classes from the elementary schools advance to the high school the cost of books and supplies will increase yearly. This also holds true in the elementary schools as the large enrollment from the primary school enters grades 3, 4, 5, 6. One major increase in our textbooks at the junior high level this year has been the introduction of science into our curriculum at the Eighth Grade level.

Plant Operation and Maintenance

The two-shift custodial plan that has been in practice the past year has worked out very satisfactorily under the supervision of head custodian Louis Leveroni. Mr. Leveroni works mornings and afternoons, and assistant, Ole Garthe, is on duty from noontime until late evening.

The improvements made in the high school this year are covered in the report of the School Committee.

Improvements in the village schools are as follows: South School, weatherstripping of all windows; West School, replacement of drinking fountains; Center School, replacement of the bell system.

Auxiliary Agencies

Transportation in the Acton System has been carried out under the able supervision of Mr. Ormal Laffin. When it is realized that close to 850 students ride the school buses daily to and from school, it shows the exceptionally fine job Mr. Laffin is doing. Even with the two-shift program, field trips and athletic events have not been curtailed.

Cafeteria. Mrs. Anne Rimbach, Manager of the school cafeteria, together with her assistants, Mrs. Minnie Campbell,

Mrs. Bertha Tucker, and Mrs. Ruth Phelps, have done remarkably well in providing hot meals for the Acton children. The lunch room averages three hundred such meals daily at a cost of twenty-five cents per meal. Mrs. Rimbach and her staff have received praises from Miss Louise Frederick, State Field Representative, Miss Almeida King, State District Representative, and many parents who have visited the lunch room at meal time. In addition to her regular duties, Mrs. Rimbach has also prepared dinners for the Athletic Association (Award Night), and for three hundred teachers who participated in a Workshop held in Acton this past November.

Capital Outlay

Major items in this account for the year 1955 will be the purchase of classroom furniture for the primary school and the new third grade, a new sewing machine for the high school, and the replacement of seven typewriters in the high school.

Reading Improvement

The elementary remedial reading program has been under the direction of Mrs. Doris Santamour, who joined the Acton School System this past summer. High School remedial reading has been under the supervision of Mrs. Edith Hatch. In addition to the regular school classes, a very successful summer program was carried on by Mrs. Santamour and Miss Maureen Conlon. Provision has been made in the budget to continue this program in the summer of 1955.

This report would not be complete without mentioning two people who played an important role in the improvement of the Acton School System over the past years. Mrs. Marion Reed, a school committee member for ten years and former chairman of the school board passed away this fall. Mrs. Reed gave freely of her time and energy for all civic affairs, especially the Acton schools, and her sudden death removed from the community one of the most ardent supporters of the local school system. Mr. Whitman Pearson resigned as Superintendent of Schools on December 7, 1954. In the six years that he headed the local schools, Mr. Pearson was a pioneer of many of the subjects in the curriculum, such as

driver training, remedial reading, the opportunity class, and the setting up of single grades in the village schools. It is hoped that he will enjoy success and happiness in his new position in Japan as Assistant Superintendent of the Air Force Dependents Schools.

I am grateful to Miss Ruth Proctor, who has been Acting Principal of the High School, and Mr. Raymond Grey, who has held the same position in the Junior High; due to their help and that of a very cooperative faculty and understanding School Committee, my position as Acting Superintendent of Schools has been enjoyable. I should like, furthermore, to thank all other members of the Acton school family—custodians, bus drivers, the nurse, physician, and the school department secretary. I think it would be proper here to show my appreciation to all members of the Parent-Teachers Association and to the Acton parents who have written to me or otherwise expressed thanks for the things we have tried to do for the Acton school children.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL,

Acting Superintendent of Schools.

MEMBERS OF THE ACTON FACULTY

PRIMARY SCHOOL		
Name	Professional Training	Grade
JULIA MCCARTHY	Fitchburg Teachers College	Principal
SHIRLEY BAUMGARTNER	State University of Iowa	I
	Simmons College	I
ANGELA BEMIS	Boston Normal School	I
CELINA MacLEAN	Perry Normal School	I
PHYLLIS MORSE	Fitchburg Teachers College	II
MARGARET BARRETT	Lowell Teachers College	II
LYDIA DADOLY	American International College	II
HELEN deCOSTE	Lesley College	II
ALICE O'HEARN	Lowell Teachers College	II
WEST SCHOOL		
CAROLYN DOUGLAS	Fitchburg Teachers College	Principal
JOANNE DAGDIGIAN	Regis College	VI
ELIZABETH TUFTS	Massachusetts School of Art	III
ALICE PHILLIPS	Gorham Teachers College	IV
	San Francisco Teachers College	V
SOUTH SCHOOL		
FLORENCE MERRIAM	Fitchburg Teachers College	Principal
		III

Name	Professional Training	Grade
JESSIE GEMMA	Fitchburg Teachers College	VI
KATHERINE MATSEN	Smith College	V
MADELEINE KINGSTON	Fitchburg Teachers College	IV
CENTER SCHOOL		
DARDANA BERRY	Framingham Teachers College	Principal V
ROBERTA PUFFER	Machias Normal School	
	University of Maine	III
RAMONA DAVIS	Boston University	IV
MARGARET ROWE	Regis College	VI

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Professional Training	Subject
RAYMOND GREY	Tufts College	Acting Junior High Principal
		MS in Ed.
RUTH PROCTOR	Radcliffe College	Social Studies
	Boston University	Acting Senior High Principal
WILLIAM CLEARY	Union College	Social Studies
JAMES DADOLY	American International College	Science
JOHN DILLON	Washington and Lee	Science
MARY EMERSON	University of New Hampshire	Home Economics
VINCENT GANNON	Boston University	
	Catholic University	
	Harvard University	English
		BS in Ed. AM

Name	Professional Training	Subject	
EDITH HATCH	Fitchburg Normal School	BA	Remedial Reading
THEODORE HERSEY	St. Lawrence University	MA	Foreign Languages
	Boston University	BA	Mathematics
LAURA KLINE	Western Maryland College	BA, MA	Mathematics
WILLIAM LUBOLD	Boston University	BS in Ed.	Commercial
MAURICE NOLAN	Salem Teachers College		Driver Training
RALPH STETSON	Massachusetts School of Art		Industrial Arts
	Northeastern University		English
MARION TOWNE	Smith College	AB	Dean of Girls
			Commercial
IRENE MEHURON	Salem Teachers College	BS in Ed.	
ANNE ZAMMITTI	Emmanuel College	AB	
	Portia Law School	LLB	
	Tufts College	M in Ed.	Social Studies
ALL SCHOOLS			
WILLIAM O'CONNELL	Boston University	BS in Ed.	Acting Superintendent of Schools
SALVATORE LIPOMI	Lowell Teachers College	M in Ed.	Opportunity Class
JOHN PRISKE	Truro College	BS in Ed.	
	New England Conservatory	AB	Music
RUTH PROCTOR	Radcliffe College	MS	
	Boston University	AB	Guidance
DORIS SANTAMOUR	Lowell Teachers College	M in Ed.	Remedial Reading
CAROL SPAULDING	Mass. School of Art	BS in Ed.	Art
ISADORE STEARNS	University of Maine	BS in Ed.	Physical Education
JOHN WINTON	University of Massachusetts	BS	Physical Education

AGE AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE (Oct. 1, 1954)

PRE-SCHOOL																
	Entering Class of															
	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pre-School	109	132	126	108	107	92	17	88	9							
I							17	88	9							
II							18	85	7	1						
III							17	64	3	2						
IV							15	50	6							
V							16	66	8							
VI							14	65	8	3						
							ELEMENTARY									
							562									
VII							15	41	22							
VIII							15	36	8	4						
							JUNIOR HIGH									
IX							13	49	14	1						
X							6	31	8	1						
XI							1	7	25	4	1					
XII							10	19	2	10	19	2				
							SENIOR HIGH									
							192									
							17	106	111	86	70	88	88	64	74	64
							56									
							44									
							24									
							3									
							895									

REPORT OF THE ACTING PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

The Acton High School building, which only two years ago was adequate for the housing of all students in grades seven through twelve, has been used since September, 1953, on a double-session basis. Because some make-shift program is destined to continue until overcrowded conditions are relieved by a new building program, frequent evaluations and revisions are important. It is the aim of this report to summarize the first evaluation and the revisions which were made insofar as they affect the senior high school.

At the end of the first year of operation, Mr. Whitman Pearson, then Superintendent of Schools, requested faculty observations and suggestions. The consensus seemed to be that the system was generally detrimental to the development of well-educated and at the same time well-rounded high school graduates. The following observations were made repeatedly:

1. High school classes were in many cases behind schedule when compared to the previous year. Achievement was not so high; more warning cards and failing grades were issued.

2. It was almost impossible for high school students to obtain extra help in academic subjects during the mornings, because teachers were engaged in junior high classes.

3. There was little time for curriculum study, revision, or enrichment. Even the time for remedial reading work and counseling had to be stolen from some regularly scheduled class. Field trips and assemblies were few.

4. Home economics, shop, art, and music, being for the most part elective subjects, had relatively few students since the college preparatory and commercial courses sometimes included five major subjects, thereby filling every period. Since no provision could be made for double periods, cooking classes were "suspended for the duration."

5. Class meetings, necessary for the planning of money-raising campaigns and valuable in the education of future democratic citizens, were infrequent since they interfered with academic classes.

6. The sports program was successful but it was carried out with difficulty. Girls practiced in the gym in the morning; boys in the evening. Soccer, field hockey, and softball games scheduled with other schools in the afternoon meant that Acton participants were absent from classes. Evening basketball games allowed students only time to hasten home after school, have a quick snack, and return—either to play in Acton or to travel to other schools.

7. Afternoon classes served in some individual cases as an excuse for late night activities resulting in overtired, poorly prepared students.

8. Bus schedules demanded that high school students engaged in morning activities even as late as 10 or 11 o'clock had to come to school with the seventh and eighth graders at 7:45 A.M. Although many of these students utilized their free morning hours to study, work in the school offices, or assist teachers in the elementary grades, their school day was too long—not ending until 4:30 P.M.

9. Poor teacher morale, caused by six or seven classes without break (or with an unexpected break in the form of a class meeting or assembly) could not result in the best teaching or the highest student morale. A further disadvantage to teachers and administrators was the impossibility of frequent general meetings. Because of overlapping shifts, junior high and senior high teachers could not meet together to discuss common problems, and the school principal had to call two meetings to cover the same material.

Some of the difficulties of the shortened school day cannot be remedied. However, when school opened in September, 1954, a few changes had been made, namely:

1. To eliminate absenteeism as a result of the conflict between sports and academic classes and to allow for some rest and study before evening games, the schedule was reversed. High school students now attend classes in the morning.

2. Students remaining after school for extracurricular activities may go home on the 2:30 elementary school buses. Their day is more nearly normal in length and for the admini-

stration the problem of providing space and supervision for the high school groups during the "off-session" is greatly lessened.

3. Two additional faculty members were hired, thus slightly easing the work load.

4. The appointment of Mr. William O'Connell as Acting Superintendent of Schools and the naming of two acting principals, have produced at least a feeling of two separate school units, and the division of administrative duties has allowed for more regular faculty meetings. It is expected that the movement toward two distinct faculties will continue.

Though under duress, many of the high school activities which were deemed important prior to the double-session days have been continued. The magazine drive, a joint effort for high school and junior high, held in September for the benefit of the Athletic Association fund, produced a profit of \$512.32 in addition to the cash prizes awarded to the top-selling classes. Members of the senior class again took the school census, thereby bringing up to date the figures used by school officials to project future enrollments. Under the direction of faculty member, Vincent Gannon, the seniors produced "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come", which was at the same time both a financial success and a good educational experience. The girls' field hockey team had a no-loss season and present indications are that Coach Isadore Stearns will produce a championship girls' basketball team. John Winton's soccer team, members of the Eastern Massachusetts Interscholastic Soccer League, finished the season with a respectable 6 - 4 record and the boys' varsity basketball team has begun the season well. The riflery team, new a year ago, has been continued under the leadership of Mr. Maurice Nolan. Two fall dances have been sponsored.

Two programs which are supplementary to offerings of the high school curriculum—driver education and guidance—have been continued; and an additional one—remedial reading—has been started on the high school level. Driver education is carried on entirely after regular school hours. Although remedial reading and individual counseling are necessarily curtailed by two factors, namely: (1) that regular classes

must be interrupted for their sake, and (2) that additional personnel are needed, they continue to produce some rewards. Guidance activities, other than counseling, have gone on as usual.

In conclusion it may be said that a second year of experience should point to further possibilities of improving the poor but at least temporary two-session plan.

To the substitute principal, the faith, interest and co-operation of the School Committee, the Acting Superintendent, members of the school staff, students and parents have been most helpful and heartening.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH R. PROCTOR,

Acting High School Principal.

REPORT OF THE ACTING PRINCIPAL OF THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

After much consideration and evaluation of the two platoon system, it was decided to have the Junior High start at 12:30 P.M. and ends at 4:30 P.M. Although this is an abbreviated school day, the Junior High students are taking the courses needed at this grade level. The Junior High is operated on a five period day. Each period is 43 minutes long. The students take four basic subjects per day, thus leaving a fifth period for art, home economics, mechanical drawing, physical education, music and shop. It has been noticed that the Junior High pupils get tired as the afternoon progresses; this is not a desirable situation from a teaching viewpoint.

A Junior High Remedial Reading Program was started this year under the direction of Mrs. Edith Hatch. Although regular classes must be interrupted to carry on this program, it

is the observation of the faculty that it is most worthwhile and necessary.

Organized guidance services to meet the individual needs of the students are always available. As is our custom, the pupils of the eighth grade will be tested in the spring. This testing is very useful to the students, for it helps them to make the right choice as far as high school courses are concerned. Parents are always welcome to discuss school problems with the Guidance Department.

This has been a very successful year for Junior High athletics. The basketball team, coached by Mr. Arthur Gulla, captured the Middlesex Junior High School Championship. The baseball team won fourteen games and lost one to garner another championship for the school. Although athletics are maintained with difficulty because of the two platoon system, every effort is being made to continue athletic activities in the Junior High.

I should like to express my appreciation to the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools and to the faculty for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND J. GREY

Acting Junior High School Principal.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. William O'Connell
Acting Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

January 4, 1955

Report for school year ending December 31, 1954.

The usual physical examinations were completed in October. Special examinations for those participating in athletics

were conducted at the beginning of the school year. Parents were notified of medical, orthopedic, and dental problems where indicated and remedial measures advised.

In conjunction with the Board of Health Schick Tests and inoculations of Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids were given in May to the children of the lower grades.

I wish to thank Mr. O'Connell, the townspeople, teachers, and school nurse for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL P. GATES, M.D.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. William O'Connell
Acting Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Deear Sir:

Report for the school year ending December 31, 1954.

Eye and Ear examinations were completed for the school year ending June 1954.

Since September 1954, 846 students have had their hearing tested. The State failure slips were sent to those parents whose child/or children failed to pass the test. Corrections have been made in most cases.

Physical examinations of the children in the first, second, third and fifth grades of the grammar schools were completed in September 1954. All the athletes in the Junior High and the High School, plus grades nine and twelve, were also examined by the school physician.

The Pre-School Clinics were held in each precinct in

May. They were not as successful as we had hoped, so they will be held in the New Primary School this year. Let me state here that all children must be vaccinated and present a vaccination certificate from their doctor before they enter school. A certified copy of their birth certificate is also necessary. Diphtheria Immunization and dental examinations are encouraged and preferred. Any child not examined at the Pre-School Clinic should be examined by his own doctor as soon as possible so that necessary corrections can be made during the summer before the child enters school.

Diphtheria Clinic was held in May. Ninety-six children from grades one and three were Schick tested. Ten showed positive signs and were immunized. Parents' written permission is required for all inoculations.

Daily contact with the High School office has been kept. Often two visits a day are required to cover both sessions of school. The village schools are visited once or twice a week or more often as necessary. A recent outbreak of pediculosis caputis affecting seven children necessitated examination of numerous children. The daily average of students seen for minor cuts, bruises, referrals to their own doctor, etc., is three to four, but the teachers handle many of the first-aid problems and the problem of getting sick children home. It is impossible for me to be there at all such times, and I am very grateful to the teachers for being so cooperative. It would help if the parents would tell the children if they are going to be away during school hours and where the school could reach them in case of sickness or accident. Children are not taken to a doctor without the parent's permission, except in extreme emergencies.

Chest X-rays were arranged for the bus drivers this year. Chest X-rays of the teaching staff and janitors were also completed.

Routine inspection of the toilet, washing and drinking facilities in the schools has been done and were found adequate.

In the future more stress must be put on prevention of accidents, illnesses, and poor physical and oral hygiene. We have been fortunate in getting a small group of children into

the Forsyth Dental Clinic in Boston for treatment. We would like to continue this if possible. The plans are for taking groups of 30 under 14 years of age into the clinic for purposes of having the teeth cleaned and to learn about good oral hygiene. This will give us a very good idea of just how much dental work is required, and how much money we will have to expend on a dental clinic of our own.

I wish to thank Dr. Gates, Mrs. Hazel Vose, R.N., the teachers, Mrs. Felt and the parents for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN F. HALE, R.N.

GRADUATION EXERCISES, JUNE 18, 1954

Salutatorian	Charlotte Hill
Valedictorian	Glenn Pasanen
Scholarship Awards:	
Acton High School Trust Fund	
Grace Davis	Gordon College
Margarette Jarvi	Chandler School for Women
Bette Putnam	Lasell Junior College
West Acton Woman's Club	
Arthur Lowden	University of Massachusetts
Acton Center Woman's Club	
Priscilla Steeves	Newton-Wellesley Hospital
Parent-Teachers Association	
Nancy Feltus	University of Massachusetts
Maynard Rotary Club	
John Way	Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute
Acton Teachers' Association	
Glenn Pasanen	Harvard University
Acton High School Athletic Association	
Shirley Conrad	Bridgewater State Teachers College
Other Awards:	
Daughters of the American Revolution	
Good Citizenship Certificate	
Bette Putnam	
Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute Alumni Medal for	
Excellence in Mathematics and Science	
John Way	
Bausch and Lomb Science Medal	
Glenn Pasanen	
American Legion Medals for Scholarship, Loyalty and	
Achievement	
Bette Putnam	
Glenn Pasanen	

Harvard Club of Concord Book Prize
Glenn Pasanen

Harvard Club of Boston Book Prize
Paul Greenough

National Honor Society Members

Seniors: Glenn Pasanen, John Way, Donald Wilson, Shirley
Conrad, Charlotte Hill, Margarette Jarvi, Bette Putnam

Juniors: Urban McLellan, Louise Fitzgerald, Sylvia Flint,
Anne Kazokas, Janet Roth, Anna Schmitz

CLASS OF 1954

George Henry Allen, Jr.	Theresa Landry
Charles Edward Bartlett, Jr.	Arthur Richard Lowden
Audrey Estelle Beach	George Allen Morse, Jr.
William Thomas Bradley	Doris Mabel Nealey
Inez Canessa	Lois Bonnar Nichols
Mary Noval Chisholm	Glenn Stuart Pasanen
Richard Porter Clark	Bette Ann Putnam
Elizabeth Zelma Clausen	Jeanette Rayner
Shirley Ann Conrad	Bonnie May Sibel
Grace Beverly Davis	Muriel Gail Smith
Russell Morse Davis	Priscilla May Steeves
Nancy Ann Feltus	Margaret Mary Elizabeth
Clarence Gordon Frost	Sweeney
Philip Albert Harris	Kathryn Marjorie Teele
Charlotte Ann Hill	Sarah Elizabeth Towne
Caroline Huntley	Joseph Warren
Thomas Joseph Janericco	John Lawrence Way
Sylvia Margarette Jarvi	Gladys Lucille Webb
John Edward Kiley	Phyllis Ann Wetherbee
Evelyn Joyce Laffin	Donald Ross Wilson

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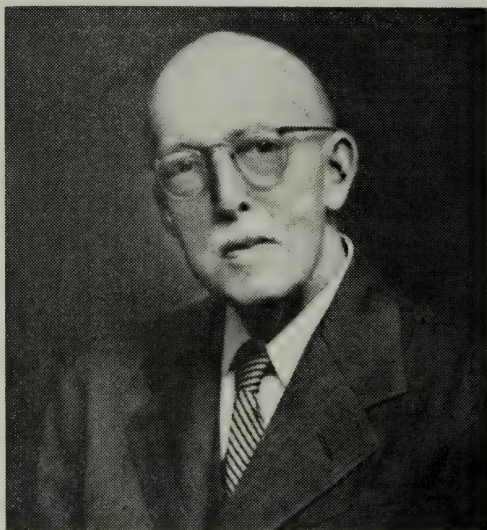
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DEDICATION
IN MEMORIAM



We dedicate this Town Report to the memory of HORACE F. TUTTLE, beloved citizen of the Town of Acton. Mr. Tuttle faithfully carried out the duties of the Town Clerk of Acton for forty-five years. He served also as state representative, school committeeman, library trustee, trustee of the Goodnow fund, and as a member of the investment board of the Middlesex Institution for Savings in Concord, Massachusetts. He served as deacon of the Acton Center Congregational church for forty years.

Mr. Tuttle, a life long resident of Acton, gave so freely of himself, his time and his abilities to the Town and its people, that we deeply feel the loss and shall long remember him.

IN MEMORIAM



To the memory of Ralph W. Piper, who served the Town as Selectman from 1935 to 1941. Mr. Piper was liked and respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was a hard and diligent worker for his Town and its people. His courage through his long illness was admired by all. Mr. Piper is greatly missed by his friends and fellow townspeople.

President
of the
United States of America
DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER
of
Abilene, Kansas

Vice President
RICHARD M. NIXON
of
Whittier, California

Governor
of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
CHRISTIAN A. HERTER
of Boston

Lieutenant Governor	Sumner G. Whittier, Everett
Secretary of the Commonwealth . . .	Edward J. Cronin, Chelsea
Treasurer and Receiver-General . . .	John F. Kennedy, Canton
Auditor of the Commonwealth	Thomas J. Buckley, Boston
Attorney General	George Fingold, Concord
Senators in Congress	Leverett Saltonstall, Newton John F. Kennedy, Boston
Representative in Congress 5th Congressional District	Edith Nourse Rogers, Lowell
Councillor, 3rd Councillor District . .	Endicott Peabody, Cambridge
Senator, 5th Middlesex Senatorial District	Richard I. Furbush, Waltham
Representative in General Court 11th Middlesex Representative Dist.	Edward J. DeSaulnier, Jr. Chelmsford
County Commissioners	Thomas B. Brennan, Medford William G. Andrew, Cambridge H. Herbert Applin, Watertown
Clerk of Courts, Middlesex County . .	Charles T. Hughes, Medford
Register of Deeds, Middlesex South District	William B. Bailey, Somerville
County Treasurer	Timothy J. Cronin, Somerville
Register of Probate and Insolvency .	John Foley, Cambridge
District Attorney	Ephraim Martin, Belmont
County Sheriff	Howard W. Fitzpatrick, Malden

Proclamation



MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN

In Recognition of Acton's Only Living Centenarian

Whereas, this being the 100th birthday of Otis B. Mott we, Leo C. Cunningham, Frederick W. Abbt and Charles D. MacPherson, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim that December 24, 1955 shall be known as Otis B. Mott Day and that the same shall be observed by the citizens of Acton in an appropriate manner.

Whereas, we hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to Otis B. Mott on his 100th birthday.

We do hereby direct the Town Clerk to make this proclamation a part of the permanent official town records.

Given under our hands at Acton this twentieth day of December, 1955.

LEO C. CUNNINGHAM
FREDERICK W. ABBT
CHARLES D. MACPHERSON
Selectmen of Acton

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee

Selectmen

Leo C. CunninghamTerm Expires 1956

Frederick W. AbbtTerm Expires 1957

*Carl A. ChristoffersonTerm Expires 1958

**Charles D. MacPherson

* Resigned

** Elected to replace *

Town Clerk

Harlan E. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

William Henry Soar

Assessors

Albert P. DurkeeTerm Expires 1956

James W. BakerTerm Expires 1957

Carl C. FlintTerm Expires 1958

Town Collector

Charles M. MacRae

Tree Warden

Franklin H. Charter

Board of Public Welfare

Walter B. StevensTerm Expires 1956

Lossie E. LairdTerm Expires 1957

A. Perry MarbleTerm Expires 1958

Cemetery Commissioners

Harry E. HoltTerm Expires 1956

Ray L. HarrisTerm Expires 1957

Howard F. JonesTerm Expires 1958

Constables

T. Frederick S. Kennedy

Ivar Peterson

Michael Foley

Edward J. Collins

School Committee

Thomas E. Wetherbee	Term	Expires	1956
Evelyn N. MacLean	Term	Expires	1956
Edmond J. McNiff	Term	Expires	1957
Dana B. Hinckley	Term	Expires	1957
George E. Neagle	Term	Expires	1958
Frank R. Stevens	Term	Expires	1958

Trustees of Memorial Library

Vesta B. Thompson	Term	Expires	1956
Florence A. Merriam	Term	Expires	1957
Frederick T. Heyliger	Term	Expires	1958

Board of Health

Herbert L. Leusher	Term	Expires	1956
Martin J. Duggan	Term	Expires	1957
O. Lawrence Clark	Term	Expires	1958

Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund

Clara L. Sawyer	Term	Expires	1956
Thelma M. Blood	Term	Expires	1957
Helen B. Wood	Term	Expires	1958

Trustees of West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Arno H. Perkins	Term	Expires	1956
H. Stuart MacGregor	Term	Expires	1957
James B. Wilson	Term	Expires	1958

Trustees of Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Frederick T. Kennedy	Term	Expires	1956
Clarence Frost	Term	Expires	1957
Herbert W. Merriam	Term	Expires	1958

Trustees of Goodnow Fund

Frank E. Greenough	Term	Expires	1956
Roy H. Linscott	Term	Expires	1957
Horace F. Tuttle	Term	Expires	1958

Planning Board

Robert M. Stow	Term	Expires	1956
Richard A. Gallant	Term	Expires	1957
Frederick S. Whitcomb	Term	Expires	1958
Aubrey C. Kretschmar	Term	Expires	1959
Harold W. Flood	Term	Expires	1960

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTMEN — 1955

Executive Clerk

Virginia Milbery

Finance Committee

Robert F. Charles	Edward S. Boyden
Bradford S. Leach	John M. Goddard
Roger M. Myrick	John M. Whittier

Board of Appeals

Edward M. Ferry	Term	Expires	1956
Otto O. Pasanen	Term	Expires	1957
Hayward S. Houghton	Term	Expires	1958

Associates

Donald W. Parker	Term	Expires	1956
H. Bradford Sturtevant, III	Term	Expires	1957

Superintendent of Streets

Benjamin F. Rice

Registrars of Voters

James B. Wilson	Term	Expires	1956
Grace J. Cullinane	Term	Expires	1957
Julia A. Barry	Term	Expires	1958
Harlan E. Tuttle	Ex-Officio		

Town Accountant

Donald O. NylanderTerm Expires 1956

Fire Engineers

H. Stuart MacGregor, Chief Engineer
Clarence Frost, Asst. Engineer — Precinct I
Lloyd W. Priest, Asst. Engineer — Precinct II
Arno H. Perkins, Asst. Engineer — Precinct III

Forest Warden

H. Stuart MacGregor

Election Officers

Precinct I

Warden — Irene F. McLaughlin
Clerk — Paul C. Cornwall
Inspector — Marion C. Jewell
Inspector — Mary F. McCarthy
Deputy Warden — John F. McLaughlin
Deputy Clerk — Helen R. Edwards
Deputy Inspector — Edith M. Hollowell
Deputy Inspector — Leo T. McCarthy
Teller — Inga Frost
Teller — Katherine M. Condon

Precinct II

Warden — Margaret Larsen
Clerk — Gladys M. Connolly
Inspector — Martha I. Lowden
Inspector — Sophia Walsh
Deputy Warden — Lucille Cunningham
Deputy Clerk — Bertha Carr Tucker
Deputy Inspector — Hazel P. Vose
Deputy Inspector — Michael J. Walsh
Teller — Ruth A. Banks
Teller — Mabel S. McKelvie

Precinct III

Warden — Barbara J. McPhee

Clerk — Phyllis K. Sprague

Inspector — Barbara Nylander

Inspector — Martin J. Duggan

Deputy Warden — Harry E. Holt

Deputy Clerk — Annie E. McCarthy

Deputy Inspector — Florence E. Lowd

Deputy Inspector — Genevieve L. Hatch

Teller — Minnie C. Veasie

Teller — Mary H. Prentice

Acton-Boxborough Regional District School Committee

George E. Neagle

Thomas E. Wetherbee

Inspector of Animals

Arno H. Perkins

Dog Officer

Carl W. Flint

Sealer of Weights and Measures

A. Perry Marble

Town Forest Committee

Emery D. NelsonTerm Expires 1956

Franklin H. CharterTerm Expires 1957

Arno H. PerkinsTerm Expires 1958

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Oliver D. Wood

E. John Torkelsen

Fence Viewers

Laurence Hadley

Louis F. Leveroni

Fire Alarm Operator

Frederic W. Rimbach

Field Drivers

Arno H. Perkins

George Kemp

Superintendent of Moth Work

Franklin H. Charter

Burial Agent

Carl W. Flint

Veterans' Agent

Carl W. Flint

Inspector of Wires

Kenneth L. Duffy

Police Officers

*Michael Foley, Chief

*Edward J. Collins, Jr.	William J. Durkin, Jr.
*Chauncey R. Fenton, Jr.	T. Frederick S. Kennedy
*Warren F. Birch	Carl W. Flint
*David W. Scribner	Ray L. Harris
Benjamin F. Rice	Roy H. Linscott
Viola M. Foley	Franklin H. Charter
James P. Conheeney, Jr.	Orma L. Clark
Louis F. Leveroni	Edward J. Higgins
John F. Canessa	Edward R. Kelly

* Civil Service — Permanent

Superintendent of Jones Memorial Field

Frederic W. Rimbach

Superintendent of Goward Field

Frederic W. Rimbach

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Theron A. Lowden

Director of Veterans' Services

Theron A. Lowden

Public Weighers

William Braman

G. Howard Reed

A. W. Davis

Philip Newell

Carl W. Flint

Harold A. Merriam

Frank E. Greenough

Albert R. Jenks

Porter G. Jenks

Louise Garceau

Ruth Durkin

Otis J. Reed

Harold Whitney

Robert Greenough

Joseph Warren

Town Counsel

John J. Sheehan

Director of Civil Defense

*Charles D. MacPherson

**Harry L. Stiegler

Deputy Director of Civil Defense

Allen C. Beddoe

* Resigned

** Appointed to replace *

REVISED JURY LIST — 1955

Precinct I

Lawrence W. Bennett, 366 Main St., carpenter
Waldo V. Langille, 37 Hosmer St., file clerk
Eleanor L. Olsen, Hayward Rd., housewife
Helen Pederson, 87 Newtown Rd., switchboard operator
Forrest E. Bean, Jr., 40 Wood Lane, beef merchandiser
Russell C. Berry, 54 Hosmer St., highway superintendent
Sherman W. Frost, 852 Main St., farmer
Ray L. Harris, 781 Main St., water commissioner
Walter B. Stevens, 20 Concord Rd., manager
E. Clayton Steeves, 49 Taylor Rd., supervisor
Roy H. Linscott, 341 Great Rd., owner gas station
Julius Roth, 777 Main St., factory manager

Precinct II

Dorothy E. Turner, 18 Maple St., housewife
James H. Connolly, Prospect St., meat cutter
Warren P. Moland, 294 School St., electrical engineer
Ervin D. Putnam, 274 School St., carpenter
Anthony J. Ansley, 14 Stow St., salesman
Edward H. Bentsen, 74 School St., sheet metal
Thomas W. Curtin, 66 Maple St., lithographer
J. Alton Dingee, 1 Martin St., craneman
Margaret F. Heath, 74 Main St., clerk
Harold F. Nordberg, 62 Main St., auditor
Sylvester P. Condon, 54 Central St., General Motors
Frederick J. Strate, 198 Main St., postal clerk

Precinct III

David E. Worrall, 16 Mohawk Dr., tube grinder
Harry F. Warner, Hayward Rd., postal clerk
Margaret B. Miney, 402 Central St., housewife
Frederick A. Harris, 15 Church St., granite worker

Benjamin H. Webster, 28 Mohawk Dr., instructor
Richard Sisson, Hayward Rd., builder
Ernest K. Anderson, 251 Newtown Rd., postal clerk
Jerry T. Ballentine, 29 Nashoba Rd., film producer
Irving O. Berlied, 74 Summer St., carpenter
Lloyd S. Cohan, Nash Rd., electronics engineer
Henry C. French, 3 Orchard Dr., draftsman
George H. Locke, Jr., 235 Arlington St., assembly man

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Back Row:* Roger Myrick — John Goddard — Edward Boyden. *Front Row:* John Whittier — Bradford Leach, *Chairman* — Robert Charles.

In the past ten years Acton has almost doubled in population and with the present rate of growth no decrease is apparent.

The added annual income from new taxable property and a projected outlook as to the future revenue does not indicate any relief from an exorbitantly high tax rate except by a drastic reduction in the rate of growth or an immediate denial of anything other than that which is absolutely necessary.

Neither unrestricted industrial growth nor re-evaluation of property offers any solution to the tax burden.

Our school costs represent the largest individual portion of the town budget and show an increase of \$73,000.00 over last year. Also the increase in the school maturing debt exclusive of the Blanchard Auditorium is \$58,000.00 more than last year. In addition, budget requests from other departments of the town show an increase of \$25,000.00.

The establishment of uniform pay grades and rates has been recently initiated by the Selectmen in order to correct inequalities existing in the several departments of the town.

The part time employees of the town are never fully compensated for their efforts. We believe the time is now at hand for the town to seriously consider the consolidation of several part time duties into one or more full time positions.

By necessity the town must use all possible means such as centralized purchasing, uniform expense rates, and denial of luxuries to effect all possible economies.

The Finance Committee would like to thank all Boards and Committees for their cooperation during the year.

EDWARD S. BOYDEN
ROBERT F. CHARLES
JOHN M. GODDARD
JOHN M. WHITTIER
ROGER M. MYRICK, Clerk
BRADFORD S. LEACH, Chairman

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, ss.



To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote at town meetings for the transaction of town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, to wit:

Precinct 1 — Town Hall, Acton Center

Precinct 2 — Congregational Church, South Acton

Precinct 3 — Woman's Club House, West Acton

at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, the fifth day of March, 1956, by posting a copy of this warrant, by you attested, at each of the places as directed by vote of the town, seven days at least before the fifth day of March.

To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers: Moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, town collector, one selectman for three years; one assessor for three years; one member of the board of public welfare for three years; four constables for one year; one cemetery commissioner for three years; two members of the school committee for three years; one member of the board of health for three years; one trustee Memorial Library for three years; a tree warden for one year; one member of the planning board for five years.

The polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and close at 8 o'clock P. M.

You are further requested in the name of the Commonwealth to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton as

aforesaid, to meet at the BLANCHARD AUDITORIUM in said Acton on

Monday, March 12, 1956 at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees and fix the salaries and compensation of all the elective officers of the Town.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the several reports of the Town Officers and Boards, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any Committees chosen at any previous town meeting that have not already reported.

Article 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the Town and determine how the same shall be raised.

It is recommended that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees or officers of the Town as follows:

1956 BUDGET

Item	Recommended 1956	Expended 1955
General Government 3.1% of Total		
1 Moderator	\$75.00	\$75.00
2 Finance Committee Expense	50.00	76.80
3 Selectmen's Dept. — Salaries and Wages	4,678.00	4,098.96
4 Expenses	300.00	228.69
5 Town Accountant — Wages	1,300.00	1,200.00
6 Expenses	200.00	147.25
7 Treasurer, Salary — Wages	1,300.00	1,200.00
8 Expenses	400.00	349.46
9 Town Collector, Salary — Wages	2,000.00	1,900.00

9A	Clerk, Wages	500.00	.....
10	Expenses	700.00	593.41
11	Assessors' Salaries — Wages	4,500.00	4,417.05
12	Expenses	400.00	318.56
13	Town Clerk, Salary — Fees	1,100.00	985.00
14	Expenses	350.00	159.95
15	Elections and Registrations — Salaries Wages	2,490.00	1,516.00
16	Expenses	900.00	590.45
17	Total General Government ..	\$21,243.00	\$17,856.58

Buildings and Grounds 1.1% of Total

18	Buildings and Grounds — Salaries — Wages	\$3,150.00	\$2,637.51
19	Expenses	4,450.00	2,919.01
20	Total Buildings and Grounds	\$7,600.00	\$5,556.52

Protection of Persons and Property 10.1% of Total

21	Police, Salaries and Wages ..	\$20,920.00	\$19,232.88
21A	Clerk Hire, Wages	1,300.00	.....
22	Expenses including Cruiser operation and Uniforms	4,425.00	5,053.03
23	Fire Department — Salaries — Wages	8,775.00	6,450.90
24	Expenses	9,120.00	5,343.50
25	Fire Alarm System — Sal- aries — Wages	4,760.00	3,563.85
26	Expenses	230.00	565.36
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	10,650.00	10,080.00
28	Sealer Weights and Measures Salary — Wages	250.00	250.00
29	Expenses	50.00	40.32
30	Moth Department Chapter 660 — Salaries — Wages ..	1,000.00	999.00
31	Expenses	1,000.00	996.33
32	Dutch Elm Disease Control — Chapter 761	1,200.00	A 1,000.00

33	Town Forests—Maintenance	100.00	A	268.10
34	Shade Tree Replacement	250.00	A	247.75
35	Tree Warden, Salary —			
	Wages	2,000.00		1,999.07
36	Expenses	1,200.00		1,202.39
37	Wire Inspector — Salary and			
	Travel	750.00		750.00
38	Expenses	100.00		97.99
39	Dog Officer	350.00		300.12
40	Total Protection	<u>\$68,430.00</u>		<u>\$58,440.59</u>

Health and Sanitation 4.0% of Total

41	Board of Health — Salaries			
	— Wages	\$50.00		\$50.00
42	Expenses	950.00		741.57
43	Secretary — Salary	2,385.00		2,339.71
44	Town and School Nurse —			
	Salary	3,120.00		3,120.00
45	Expenses	960.00		840.00
46	Assistant Nurse — Salary	960.00		380.00
47	Board of Health Agent and			
	Assistant Agent — Sal-			
	aries and Wages	1,885.00		495.13
48	Expenses	665.00		149.84
49	Inspector, Milk and Food	150.00		150.00
50	Custodian — Town Dump —			
	Salaries	3,760.00		3,775.00
51	Expenses	800.00		671.75
52	State Sanatorium	700.00		393.00
53	Medical Supplies	150.00		135.00
54	School Clinic	900.00		565.00
55	Garbage Collection	7,900.00		7,400.00
56	Inspector of Animals	150.00		150.00
57	Expenses	25.00		25.00
58	Plumbing Inspector	1,000.00		763.00
59	Total Health and Sanitation	<u>\$26,510.00</u>		<u>\$22,144.00</u>

Highways 5.5% of Total

60	Village Highways	\$4,000.00	\$4,517.28
61	Chapter 81 Highways	8,550.00	8,550.00
62	Chapter 90 Highways	2,000.00	1,500.00
63	Snow Removal	13,000.00	10,806.86
64	Traffic Signs — Lines	500.00	485.01
65	Highway Vacations	925.00	384.00
66	Street Lighting	7,000.00	6,703.98
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67	Total Highways	\$35,975.00	\$32,947.13

Charities 8.0% of Total

68	Welfare District Administration and Welfare Board Salaries	\$2,275.00	\$2,075.00
69	General Relief and Disability Assistance	5,000.00	4,956.74
70	Old Age Assistance	41,000.00	41,000.00
71	Aid to Dependent Children ..	5,500.00	5,000.00
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72	Total Charities	\$53,775.00	\$53,031.74

Veterans' Aid 1.4% of Total

73	Veterans' Benefits — Salary — Wages	\$200.00	\$200.00
74	Expenses	250.00	217.76
75	Veterans' Benefits Expenditures	8,000.00	7,552.60
76	Veterans' Services — Salary — Wages	800.00	750.00
77	Expenses	25.00	17.00
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78	Total Veterans' Aid	\$9,275.00	\$8,737.36

Education 45.8% of Total

79	Instruction — Local	\$156,760.00	\$154,239.50
80	— Regional	42,531.33	.....
81	Textbooks and Supplies — Local	6,775.00	8,493.05

82	— Regional	5,298.96	.....
83	Plant Operation — Local	28,450.00	26,066.90
84	— Regional	11,186.40	.....
85	— Blanchard Auditorium	12,620.00	6,727.71
86	Maintenance — Local	2,350.00	3,553.98
87	— Regional	398.25	.....
88	Auxiliary Agencies — Local	16,775.00	17,242.47
89	— Regional	5,354.26	.....
90	General Control — Local	9,235.00	9,622.22
91	— Regional	4,183.41	.....
92	Outlay — Local	2,400.00	1,877.77
93	— Regional	88.50	.....
94	Contingency Fund — Local ..	700.00	97.00
95	— Regional	132.75	.....
96	Total Education	<u>\$305,238.86</u>	<u>\$227,920.60</u>

Libraries .8% of Total

97	Libraries — Salaries and Wages	\$3,700.00	\$2,965.13
98	Expenses	1,100.00	1,218.08
99	Books	660.00	660.00
100	Total Libraries	<u>\$5,460.00</u>	<u>\$4,843.21</u>

Recreation .2% of Total

101	Playgrounds — both fields ..	\$1,500.00	\$958.60
102	Expenses	150.00	.....
103	Total Recreation	<u>\$1,650.00</u>	<u>\$958.60</u>

Cemeteries 2.0% of Total

104	Cemeteries, Salaries—Wages ..	\$11,200.00	\$9,974.03
105	Expenses	2,500.00	2,485.97
106	Total Cemeteries	<u>\$13,700.00</u>	<u>\$12,460.00</u>

Planning Board .3% of Total

107	Planning Board — Expenses	\$650.00	\$170.26
108	Service Fees	1,150.00	164.10
109	Total Planning Board	\$1,800.00	\$334.36

Other Classified Expenses 1.8% of Total

110	Town Reports	\$1,700.00	\$1,566.88
111	Workmen's Compensation	2,000.00	1,808.34
112	Surety Bonds	675.00	594.00
113	Legal Services — Board of Selectmen	500.00	500.00
114	Fire Insurance — Town Buildings	1,100.00	740.70
115	Memorial Day	600.00	538.90
116	Pension Fund	3,792.00	2,844.31
117	Pension Fund Expense	205.50	187.50
118	Military Service Fund	19.32	30.73
119	Board of Appeals—Expenses	50.00	14.50
120	Miscellaneous	1,500.00	963.48
121	Total Other Classified Ex- penses	\$12,141.82	\$9,789.34

Amortization and Interest Requirements
for the Bonded Indebtedness of the Town
and the Regional School District 15.9%
of Total

122	Elementary and High Schools		
	Maturing Debt	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
123	Interest	4,930.00	5,245.00
124	Blanchard Auditorium		
	Maturing Debt	20,000.00	20,000.00
125	Interest	1,200.00	1,600.00
126	Regional School		
	Maturing Debt	24,700.00	.....
127	Interest	33,345.00	.....
128	Surface Drainage Mohawk Drive and Seneca Road —		
	Maturing Debt	5,000.00	5,000.00

129	Interest	262.50
130	Anticipation of Revenue Notes —Interest	500.00
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131	Total Amortization and Interest Requirements	\$105,937.50	\$47,845.00
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	Total Budget	\$668,736.18	\$502,865.03

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

It is recommended that \$1,500. be appropriated which is the same amount approved last year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Money appropriated under this article goes into a revolving fund in which there existed a balance of \$812. at the beginning of this year. It is recommended that the appropriation under this article be limited to \$500.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of this article is not recommended. This action is consistent with the position of the Finance Committee in previous years.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Julia L. McCarthy Primary School and for originally equipping and furnishing said addition, or take any other action relative thereto.

No estimate of cost has been presented for consideration by the Finance Committee.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of converting the present High School Building to accommodate elementary school pupils, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inasmuch as essential changes in the lighting and heating of the present High School have been completed, further expenditures on this building at the present time do not appear to be justified. The Finance Committee, therefore, disapproves of this article.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to renovate the present High School Building, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee disapproves of this article for the same reasons as indicated under Article 9.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire for the Town for school purposes, land currently owned by Maynard Building Supply, Inc. and being shown as lots 2, 3 and 4 on a Plan by MacCarthy Engineering Service, Inc., which plan is dated May 4, 1955 and recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 8483 Page 154, bounded and described as follows: Southerly by Main Street 450 feet, Westerly by land now or formerly of Kelley 249.68 feet, Northerly by land Town of Acton 490 feet and Easterly by land now or formerly of George S. Todd, et al. 189.09 feet; and to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

In view of the probable cost of this property the Finance Committee disapproves of this article.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire for the Town for school purposes, land currently owned by Maynard Building Supply, Inc. and being shown as lot 4 on a Plan by MacCarthy Engineering Service, Inc., which plan is dated May 4, 1955 and recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 8483 Page 154, bounded and described as follows: Southerly by Main Street 150 feet, Westerly by lot #3 200 feet, Northerly by land of the Town of Acton 190 feet and Easterly by land now or formerly of George S. Todd, et al. 189.09 feet; and to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

In view of the changed character of this area and the cost of such property, the Finance Committee disapproves of this article.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton by adding the following as Paragraph Three (3) to Section Four (4) Business District, or take any other action relative thereto.

3. **Area Regulation.** A structure erected for residential purposes in a Business Zone shall conform to the area, setback, side and rear line restriction as set forth in Section Three (3) of the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton.

We believe approval of this article will benefit the Town.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton by adding the following as Paragraph Eight (8) of Section Six (6) Administration, or take any other action relative thereto.

8. No new construction, or alteration of an existing structure that would cause a physical change affecting the zoning regulations as applicable to the building if altered, may be started without a permit from the Board of Selectmen. The application for permit should be filed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the start of construction or alteration.

We believe approval of this article will benefit the Town.

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a permanent building committee to be known as the Town Building Committee; said Committee to be composed of five members and of the members first appointed, one is to serve for one year, one is to serve for two years, two are to serve for three years and one is to serve for four years and thereafter appointments are to be for four year terms; with one member of said Committee to be appointed upon the recommendation of the board or committee within the scope of whose supervision and management the then contemplated building or structure will fall; vacancies during any term to be filled as provided in Section 11 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws; said Committee to have general supervision over the design and construction of public buildings, including the authority to employ professional assistance and, subject to specific authorization by the Town, to enter into contracts on behalf of the Town for the prepara-

tion of construction plans and specifications and for the construction of buildings and other structures, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee believes that a permanent Building Committee for the Town is desirable.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500.00 to define and improve the brook in the west part of Town that drains the areas between Massachusetts Avenue on the north, Homestead Street on the south, Arlington Street on the west and Central Street on the east, or take any other action relative thereto.

The expenditure of a sum of \$5,000. to be transferred from Surplus Revenue is recommended by the Finance Committee to initiate this program.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt, amend and adopt, or reject the Proposed Building Bylaw of the Town of Acton as printed in the 1955 Town Report, under authority of Chapter 40, Section 25 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Adoption of a reasonable Building Code is considered to be of benefit to the Town.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as public ways fourteen currently unused and unsafe public ways of record, as shown on a Plan filed with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee favors abandonment of these roads.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to complete the grading and seeding on the front and west end of the Blanchard Auditorium, to install additional ventilation in the gymnasium, and to pay expenses incidental to the overhauling and relaying of the gymnasium floor; said money to be spent by the Auditorium-Gymnasium Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends the expenditure of not more than \$400. to cover painting, removal and restoration of doors in connection with relaying gymnasium floor.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00, or any other sum, for the exten-

sion of water to a place conveniently located in the center of the town dump and in conjunction therewith to erect a structure which will be used to store and protect equipment used on combustible material brought to the town dump, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee does not recommend passage of this article.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00, or any other sum, to pay the cost of insurance against the various hazards described in an insurance report submitted to the Selectmen dated January 27, 1956. This sum, or any part thereof, to be expended at the discretion of the Selectmen after consultation with the Finance Committee and the remainder, if any, to revert to the Surplus Revenue Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee favors adequate town insurance. However, we feel this article should be passed over until specific costs for the various types of insurance have been determined and presented at a later town meeting.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or take any other action relative thereto.

This appropriation is the same as for 1955 and is recommended for the continued program of poison ivy control.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00, or any other sum, to be set aside as a Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

In view of this year's markedly increased budget, the Finance Committee recommends that no more than \$5,000. be set aside as a Stabilization Fund.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for new construction of Massachusetts Avenue, West Acton from Central Street easterly to the State Highway Bound, a distance of approximately 1,000 feet; said money to be used in conjunction with

\$7,500.00 to be allotted by the County, and \$15,000.00 to be allotted by the State, or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval is recommended.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, or any other sum, for the replacement and construction of sidewalks on Massachusetts Avenue in West Acton, in conjunction with the new construction on Massachusetts Avenue in West Acton, or take any other action relative thereto

The Finance Committee approves the expenditure of not more than \$1,200. under this article to be transferred from Surplus Revenue.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the installation of bituminous sidewalks on Main Street from the Railroad Bridge to Flints Pharmacy and on School Street from the Railroad Bridge to the southeasterly entrance to the Railroad Station, and on School Street from Main Street at the Exchange Hall to the Elementary School in South Acton, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee approves the expenditure of not more than \$1,000. under this article to be transferred from Surplus Revenue.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of the conditions of this article is recommended.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of this bookkeeping transfer is recommended.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a tractor-loader for the use of the Highway Department, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in

or sell the currently owned tractor-loader, or take any other action relative thereto.

Your Finance Committee recommends the transfer of \$9,500. from Surplus Revenue for the purchase of this loader. It will permit more efficient use of present town equipment. In addition we are informed that this unit will earn more than \$1,000. annually for the Town.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00, or any other sum, to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment, of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5, Sub-section 1, as amended, or take any other action relative thereto.

This is the same amount as requested last year, and approval is recommended.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$778.24, or any other sum, to pay the cost of obtaining coverage of various objects suitable for insurance under a boiler and machinery policy, or take any other action relative thereto.

This is a continuation of a program initiated and approved last year. Approval is recommended this year.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 as its contribution to the West and South Water Supply District of Acton toward the cost of extending a six inch water main from Hosmer Street to the Acton town dump on Massachusetts Avenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

This is the third of ten annual payments required to pay for the extension of water service at this location and approval is recommended.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a Traffic Timer for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

It is recommended that the sum of \$450. be transferred from Surplus Revenue for the purchase of this unit.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five members to study the fire house situation and bring in recommendations as requested by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00, or any other sum, for the extension of the Fire Alarm System; said sum to be used for an extension of the fire alarm circuit from Main Street along Newtown Road to Maple Avenue, southerly along Maple Avenue to end, thence westerly on Newtown Road approximately 500 feet, thence northerly to Woodbury Lane and easterly on Woodbury Lane to Main Street, and to install one box, or take any other action relative thereto.

It is recommended that \$1,500. be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00, or any other sum, for the purchase and installation of an automatic hose reel for the forest fire truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends the sum of \$500. be transferred from Surplus Revenue to remedy a presently hazardous condition.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase and installation of a base radio station, to replace the mobile unit now in use as a fire alarm transmitting station, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article and that the sum be transferred from Surplus Revenue.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5, Article 1 of the Town Bylaws having to do with the Fire Department by striking out said Section 5, Article 1 and submitting therefor the amendment as printed in the Annual Town Report for the year 1955, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Act providing for life tenure for H. Stuart MacGregor, incumbent

of the office of Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Acton, as provided in the Acts and Resolves of 1956, viz: An Act Providing for Life Tenure for H. Stuart MacGregor, Incumbent of the Office of Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Acton.

Be it enacted as follows:

Section 1. The tenure of office of H. Stuart MacGregor, incumbent in the office of Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Acton, shall upon the effective date of this act be unlimited but he may be removed therefrom for cause after hearing in the manner provided by Section 43 of Chapter 31 of General Laws.

Section 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters of said Town present and voting thereon at a special or annual town meeting, but not otherwise.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a power mower for the playgrounds, or take any other action relative thereto.

It is recommended that \$200. be transferred from Surplus Revenue for the purpose indicated.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

It is recommended that \$6,000. be transferred from Overlay Surplus to be used as a Reserve Fund. This is the same amount as last year.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting in not less than six public places in the town to be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Acton this thirty-first day of January, 1956.

LEO C. CUNNINGHAM,
FREDERICK W. ABBT,
CHARLES D. MacPHERSON,
Selectmen of Acton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT



BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Frederick Abbt — Leo Cunningham, *Chairman* — Charles MacPherson.

To the Citizens of the Town of Acton:

The Board of Selectmen herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

On March 8, 1955 your Board re-organized as follows: Leo C. Cunningham, Chairman, Carl A. Christofferson, Clerk, and Frederick W. Abbt, third member.

On March 17, 1955, Benjamin F. Rice of West Acton was appointed Superintendent of Streets to replace Russell C. Berry who had resigned.

The resignation of Carl A. Christofferson as a member of the Board of Selectmen was received to become effective July 29, 1955. This resignation was accepted with regret. The Board worked as a two-member team until it was re-organized on September 20, 1955, as follows: Leo C. Cunningham, Chairman, Frederick W. Abbt, Clerk, and Charles D. MacPherson, the newly elected third member.

The year 1955 brought many and various problems to the several departments of the Town. The flood conditions of August, 1955, taxed the facilities of all departments concerned with the washing out of a section of High Street at the Powder Mills, South Acton. The work of these various departments in this emergency was highly commendable.

At long last the year 1955 saw the start of the construction of sorely needed new school facilities, another much needed

step forward in partially solving our pressing school housing problem.

The rapid population growth of our Town now and in the near future has brought about and will bring about ever increasing problems to which your Board feels that a certain amount of sound thinking should be given, in order that as near perfect form of Town government may be enjoyed by the present and future citizenry. For your consideration we offer the following suggestions:

1. The consolidation of as many of the Town Offices as possible within the confines of the existing Town Hall. With this suggestion it would be necessary to have a master plan for the efficient renovation of the Town Hall to more perfectly accommodate these various offices.
2. In the renovation of our Town Hall, serious consideration should be given to the problem of adequate storage facilities for Town records. Because of the historical value of many of these records, the Board feels that a Committee on Archives should be appointed.



EXECUTIVE CLERK: Virginia Milbery

3. The eventual establishment of a Department of Public Works.
4. The appointment of a Permanent Fire Chief, whose duties could include other responsibilities to the Town and thereby afford a tax savings.
5. The immediate appointment of a Building Inspector. No further comment is necessary. The need for this is obvious.
6. During this inflationary period the task of setting proper wages and salaries has been a difficult one. Considerable effort has been made to bring about co-operative action but this is difficult to accomplish. The Board of Selectmen has made a concerted effort to alter some of the inequities in wages and salaries in various departments but this is only the beginning. Chapter 41, Section 108A, of the General Laws authorizes the Town to establish by bylaw a plan classifying Town positions and to vote minimum and maximum salaries. The appointment of a committee to study Town wages and salaries would seem to be the answer to this problem.

In addition to meeting every Tuesday throughout the year to transact routine matters on town business and sign the treasury warrants, conferences were held with many department heads and boards of the town. These meetings are important and the benefits derived from the same by the open discussion of mutual problems relating to the conduct of town business are most beneficial. Special meetings of the Board were held on several occasions when circumstances required these meetings.

Late in 1955, we began checking into the various insurance policies and found that many items of great value were not covered by insurance. We immediately requested five gentlemen of the town, who are experienced in the field, to serve as an insurance committee and discussed the problem with them. We appointed them as an unofficial committee to bring in a report to the Selectmen. This report is printed in the town report for your information. We recommend a favorable vote

on an article inserted in the warrant for proper insurance coverage.

The Selectmen have enjoyed the prompt and active co-operation of the various town boards and employees, and we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all of them. The citizens as well have been most co-operative in our relations with them and we express our sincere appreciation for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO C. CUNNINGHAM,
FREDERICK W. ABBT,
CHARLES D. MacPHERSON,



REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Town Forest Committee submits the following report for the year 1955.

Several acres of overtopping hardwood growth were girdled to allow the pines to grow better.

New marker signs have been put up on the boundaries to replace signs weathered or destroyed.

The Acton Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts now use the Town Forest for camping and nature study. This feature of a town owned forest will probably be exploited more fully as the town becomes more urban and the forest areas become home developments.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER,
EMERY NELSON,
ARNO H. PERKINS,
Town Forest Committee.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1955.

In the past year, I have sealed 223 weighing and measuring devices.

There are at the present time 36 gas pumps, 15 Vehicle Gas and Oil Trucks, 67 sets of Scales, the rest being weights and small measures.

Sealing fees collected \$149.10. The same was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PERRY MARBLE,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.



REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Wires for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Three hundred and twelve (312) permits were issued. The sum of four hundred twenty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$422.50) was collected in fees for these permits.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH L. DUFFY,
Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF OF POLICE: Michael Foley.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my twenty-ninth annual report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1955. This report includes all arrests made within the town during the past year. It also includes reports on Motor Vehicle accidents, bicycle registrations and an explanation on the condition of our cruisers, in addition to other items.

Arrests and prosecutions for the following offenses:

Manslaughter	1
School Bus Law violations	31
Operating under the influence of liquor	20
Operating so as to endanger	26
Violation of Speed Regulations	127
Speeding	192
Operating a motor vehicle without a license	14
Operating without license in possession	4
Operating after suspension of license	4

Operating after right to operate revoked	5
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	12
Operating an uninsured motor vehicle	7
Red Light violations	13
Stop Sign violations	21
Operating without registration in possession	10
Violation of law of the road	10
Attaching plates	4
Refusing to stop for Police Officer	1
Crossing grass plot	1
Defective brakes	1
Allowing an improper person to operate motor vehicle	2
Not displaying inspection sticker	5
Operating motor vehicle without lights	2
Not displaying registration plates	2
Loaning operators license	1
Giving false name to Police Officer	1
Refusing to show operators license	1
Failing to use care in turning	3
Racing motor vehicles	2
Violation of one way traffic	1
Allowing truck to be operated over registered weight	1
Not displaying Carrier Plates	1
Operating truck exceeding gross weight	1
Drunkenness	20
Assault and battery	1
Setting fire in open without permit	1
Vagrants	2
Lord's Day violation	1
Non-Support	1
Juvenile	3

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Motor Vehicle accident report :	1954	1955
Total number of accidents reported	76	95
Number of occupants injured	52	58
Number of occupants killed	0	1
Number of pedestrians injured	1	1



ACTON POLICE DEPARTMENT: *Back Row:* Patrolmen Edward Collins, Jr. — Warren Birch.
Front Row: Chief Michael Foley — Patrolmen C. R. Fenton, Jr. — David Scribner.



POLICE DEPARTMENT: Ford Ambulance Cruiser and Dodge Cruiser. Twenty-four hour patrol
 — radio connection with Concord, Lincoln and Maynard.

Number of pedestrians killed	0	1
Bicyclists injured	3	2
Motorcyclists injured	3	1

Our motor vehicle record this year showed an increase in the number of accidents and two deaths resulting therefrom.

There were 798 motor vehicles checked by this department for traffic or motor vehicle violations for which the operators received verbal warnings, summonses to appear at court or had the violation reported to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for action.

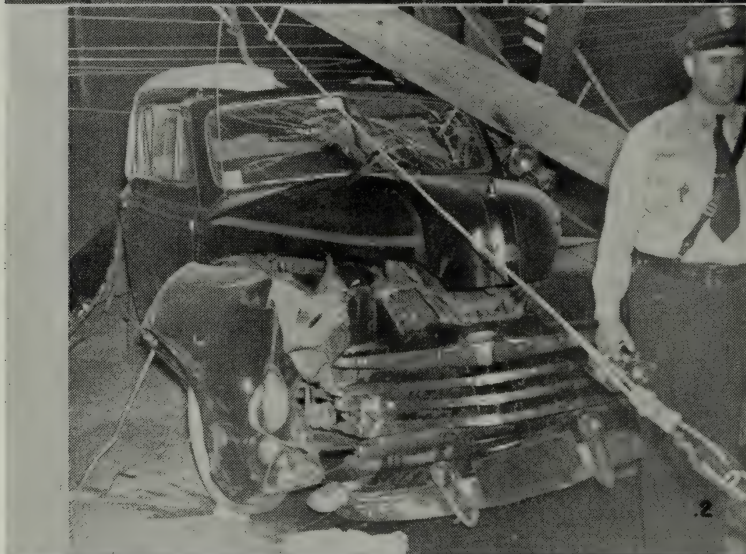
Bicycle Registration:

All bicycles in the town must be registered with the Police Department. There are now 717 bicycles registered. All registrations expire on April 30th. and must be renewed at the Police Station between April 15th and April 30th. No charge is made if the plate issued is still in good condition. If a new plate is issued, the fee is twenty-five cents.

Cruisers:

We were very unfortunate this year in having both of our cruisers involved in accidents which resulted in the trading of one and extensive repairs to the other. The first of the accidents occurred on Hallowe'en night on Charter Road. Five boys, ranging in age from 12 to 14 years, placed rocks in the street as a prank, planning to hide in the bushes along side of the street to watch motorists stop and roll the rocks out of the way. However, their plans did not work out. Patrolmen Fenton and Scribner were on patrol in that section of the town investigating previous complaints of that nature. As they entered Charter Road from Massachusetts Avenue, they saw the pile of rocks in the street. They also observed a car some distance away travelling north on Charter Road and believing that this car might hold the persons responsible for placing the rocks in the street, put on speed to overtake the car for a check of the occupants. They drove around the pile of rocks as they started in pursuit but as the cruiser went over the brow of the hill, the headlights failed to pick up another large rock. When the cruiser hit this rock, the front

The following pictures show some of the many duties performed by your Police Department.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Checking license. 2. Investigating accident. 3. Taking care of injured.

end was lifted up causing the cruiser to ride on the rock for some distance and only the skillful handling of the cruiser by the officer at the wheel prevented possible serious injury to the officers. The boys responsible for the prank were apprehended the following day and their parents made restitution of \$350.00 to the town. Due to the excessive damage to the cruiser and the fact that we had planned to trade this 1954 Dodge in March, it was thought advisable to trade at this time rather than spend a large sum of money on repairs. Bids were requested and John Coughlin of the Great Road Garage was the low bidder. When told of the circumstances under which the cruiser was damaged, Mr. Coughlin allowed the town the full book value for the wrecked cruiser in trade for a 1956 Dodge sedan which was delivered to us on November 15th. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Coughlin for his interest in replacing our cruiser and allowing full value for the wrecked car.

The second accident took place on River Street, South Acton on December 2nd. The street was damp and a dog ran in front of the 1955 Ford Ranch Wagon Cruiser. Patrolman Collins, who was alone in the cruiser, pulled to the left of the street to avoid the dog. The left wheels of the cruiser went up on the low wall on the left side of the street causing it to turn over onto its roof. Luckily, Patrolman Collins was not seriously injured although the cruiser was badly damaged. Extensive repairs were made and the cruiser was back in service again in a little over two weeks. This cruiser is now in pretty good condition and should give us good service for another year.

I would like to call to your attention at this time, the pride that all the officers take in keeping their equipment in good condition. Although these cruisers are on the road twenty-four hours a day, every day of the week in all sorts of weather and under perilous road conditions, they are involved in very few accidents, which points to a very good driving record.

Lock-up:

Under the Statutes all towns with a population of 3,000 or more must maintain a lockup under penalty of a fine. The town is well over that figure now and I would recommend that a committee be appointed to look into this matter or that some definite action be taken to comply with the law.

Personnel Records:

The department now has a Chief and only four regular patrolmen with one of the patrolmen filling in on days off, as this town of vast territory and more than 75 miles of roads is about to pass the 5,000 population mark.

With the growth of the town, many more complaints are being received and more demands made for service from this department. We endeavor to give as adequate service as possible with the help available. During the past year the town has been kept free of any major crime with the exception of two safe breaks at the Concord Auto Auction, off Hosmer Street.

Following these breaks the officer, who did clerical work during some of the night hours, was detailed to patrol the whole shift and a part time secretary was put in the station during the day to do the clerical work and catch up on essential records.

I realize that the department is undermanned and also the expense that the town is under, due to necessary school building and therefore am not requesting additional officers at this time, but do recommend that an increase be made in the budget to take care of special officers to work when needed.

In closing I would like to thank all departments, boards and committees for their co-operation. I believe the co-operation between all departments was the best this year in all my twenty-nine years as Chief of Police. I wish to express special thanks to the Board of Selectmen and members of the Finance Committee for their co-operation and to the patrolmen who have all co-operated to do a good job. To all others who assisted in any way, we are deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1955.

Premises inspected	69
Cows	199
Young Cattle	87
Bulls	2
Steers	6
Swine	20
Sheep	39
Goats	18
Horses	41
Dog Bites	23
Dogs Quarantined	23
Rabies	0

Farmers should read very carefully the card that is sent by the veterinarian notifying him of the date of his coming tuberculin test because it means just what it says. If there are some who do not cooperate with the veterinarian, it may result in a quarantine being placed on the premises and the owner having his herd tested at his own expense or losing his market for milk.

The state is now doing all calfhood vaccination work. All calves, both beef and dairy, must be vaccinated between the ages of 4 through 8 months! Call the state veterinarian assigned to your town or drop a card to 41 Tremont Street, Boston and ask to have your calves vaccinated. If you prefer, you can pay your own veterinarian to do it for you. Over-age calves will not be vaccinated.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNO H. PERKINS,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1955.

All street elms were given a dormant spray for the control of the Elm Bark Beetle. A foliage spray for Gypsy Moth was later applied by Airplane, with the State and town co-operating. This came at the time the first foliage spray for Elm Leaf Beetle is usually applied, making this application unnecessary. A foliage spray for the second brood of Elm Leaf Beetle was put on by the department in July.

There were 50 cases of Dutch Elm Disease in Acton in 1955. All but 1 of these trees have been removed.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER,
Moth Superintendent.



REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year beginning January 1, 1955, and ending December 31, 1955.

Keeping and destroying 31 stray dogs	\$201.50
Expenses	47.72
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	\$249.22

Forty-eight calls and complaints investigated.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL W. FLINT,
Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Chief H. Stuart MacGregor

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my twenty-third annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

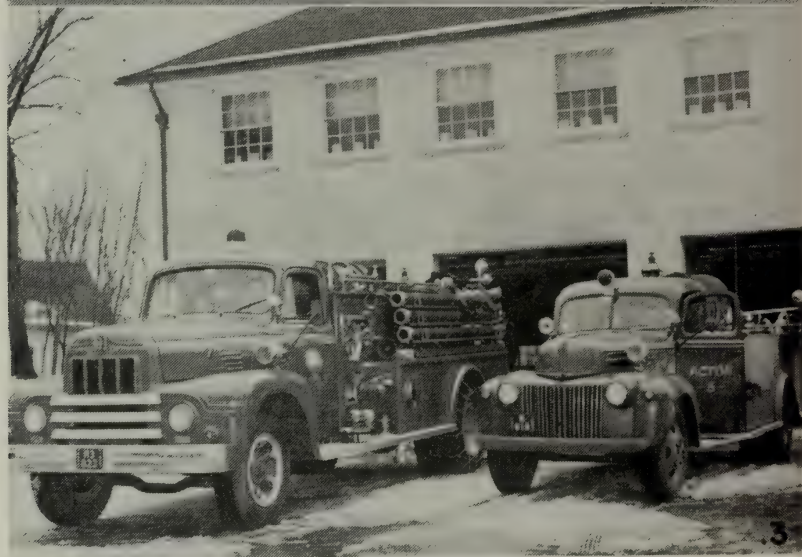
Total number of alarms responded to are as follows:

Residential	11
Mercantile	3
Manufacturing	4
Grass and Brush	42
Automobile, etc.	10
False Alarms	1
Smoke scares and honest mistakes	10
First Aid and Accidents	11
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Loss to buildings and contents	\$60,575.25
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Permits issued:

Oil	182
Bottled Gas	50



1. Pumper and Emergency truck garaged at West Acton Fire Station.
 2. Ladder truck and Pumper garaged at South Acton Fire Station.
 3. Pumper and Forestry truck garaged at Acton Center Fire Station.
- Fire trucks equipped with two-way radio. Emergency truck equipped to handle all types of emergencies.

To report a fire ONLY — Call Colonial 3-4321

ACTON FIRE ALARM DIRECTORY

CENTER

- 12 Main Street at Newtown Road
- 13 Nagog Hill Road and Main Street
- 14 Technology Instrument Corp.
- 15 Main Street and Great Road
- 16 Great Road and Harris Street
- 17 Main and Harris Streets
- 18 Main Street and Carlisle Road
- 19 Main Street at Carlisle Line
- 112 Out of Town
- 114 Main and Brook Streets
- 115 Great Road at Henley Road
- 116 Great Road and Holland Road
- 119 Carlisle Road at Carlisle Line
- 121 Newtown Road and Maple Avenue
- 122 Woodlawn Lane and Forest Road
- 123 Concord Road and Nagog Hill Road
- 124 Main Street and Taylor Road
- 125 Taylor Road and Woodlawn Lane
- 126 Main Street and Hayward Road
- 127 Tenney's Machine Shop and Vicinity
- 128 Kelley's Corner
- 129 Main Street, up Route #2
- 131 Great Road at Concord Line
- 132 Great Road and Pope Road
- 133 Great Road and Concord Road
- 134 Great Road and Esterbrook Road
- 135 Great Road and Brook Street
- 136 Great Road and Davis Road
- 137 Esterbrook and Strawberry Hill Roads
- 138 Pope and Strawberry Hill Roads
- 139 Pope Road at Carlisle Line
- 141 Nagog Hill Road at Hammond Street
- 142 Newtown Road and Hammond Street
- 143 Newtown Road at Arlington Street
- 144 Nagog Hill Road at Littleton Line
- 145 Wood Lane at F. Bean's
- 146 Fort Pond Road
- 147 Newtown Road at Littleton Line
- 151 Concord Road and Hosmer Street
- 152 Mass. Avenue and Taylor Road
- 153 Mass. Avenue and Hosmer Street
- 154 Mass. Avenue and Wetherbee Street

- 112 Out of Town
- 4-4 All Firemen to Stations
- 2-2-2-2 7 A.M. No School All Schools All Day
- 7-7-7-7 Military Call
- 8-8-8-8 Civilian Defense
- 10-10-10-10 Air Raid

For permits call Chief MacGregor — Colonial 3-4348 or 3-7788

To report a fire ONLY — Call Colonial 3-4321

ACTON FIRE ALARM DIRECTORY

SOUTH

- 5 Quimby Square
- 51 South Acton Woolen Mill
- 52 Lothrop's Mill
- 53 Merriam's Mill
- 54 South School
- 56 Proctor Lumber Yard
- 57 Erickson's Farm Supply Store
- 58 Dewey & Almy
- 59 Air Reduction Sales Corp.
- 21 School Street at River Street
- 23 Out of Town
- 24 School Street at Piper Road
- 25 School Street at Waite's Corner
- 26 School Street at Parker Street
- 27 School Street at Laws Brook Road
- 28 School Street at Mass. Avenue
- 29 Laws Brook Road at Concord Line
- 211 River Street at Chadwick Street
- 212 River Street at Parker Street
- 213 Parker Street at Concord Street
- 214 Fletcher's Corner
- 215 Powder Mill Road
- 216 Concord Street at Maynard Line
- 217 High Street at Conant Street
- 218 High Street at Rawitser's
- 219 Eastern States
- 221 Main Street at Maynard Line
- 223 Main Street at Sylvia Street
- 224 Main Street at Holland's
- 225 Main Street at Cider Mill
- 226 Main Street at Prospect Street
- 227 Main Street at Mass. Avenue
- 231 Central Street at Prospect Street
- 232 Central Street at Martin Street
- 233 Central Street at Cullinane's
- 234 Martin Street at Maple Street
- 235 Hayward's Corner
- 241 Stow Street at Robbins Street
- 242 Liberty Street at Robbins Street
- 243 Liberty Street at Stow Line
- 245 Laurel Court at Piper Road
- 251 Piper Road at Mass. Avenue
- 252 Hosmer Street at Mass. Avenue

- 23 Out of Town
- 4-4 All Firemen to Stations
- 2-2-2-2 7 A. M. No School All Schools All Day
- 7-7-7-7 Military Call
- 8-8-8-8 Civilian Defense
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For permits call Chief MacGregor — Colonial 3-4348 or 3-7788

To report a fire ONLY — Call Colonial 3-4321

ACTON FIRE ALARM DIRECTORY

WEST

- 31 Mass. Avenue at Boxborough Line
- 32 Mass. Avenue at Wright Terrace
- 33 Edwards Square
- 34 Mass. Avenue at Fire Station
- 35 Mass. Avenue at School Street
- 36 Mass. Avenue at West School
- 37 Mass. Avenue at Cedar Terrace
- 38 Mass. Avenue at Prospect Street
- 39 Mass. Avenue at High School
- 311 Richardson's Crossing
- 312 Central Street at Windsor Avenue
- 313 Central Street at Summer Street
- 314 Central Street at Willow Street
- 315 Central Street at Church Street
- 316 Central Street at Jenks Storage
- 317 Central Street at Mohawk Drive
- 318 Central Street at Orchard Drive
- 319 Central Street at Nashoba Road
- 321 Arlington Street at Summer Street
- 322 Arlington Street at Homestead Street
- 323 Arlington Street at Crescent Street
- 324 Arlington Street at Reed's Mill
- 325 Arlington Street at School Street
- 326 Arlington Street at Elm Street
- 327 Arlington Street at Agawam Road
- 328 Arlington Street at Charter Road
- 341 Willow Street at Homestead Street
- 342 Willow Street at Summer Street
- 343 Willow Street at Stow Line
- 344 Summer Street at Boxborough Line
- 345 Kinsley Road
- 346 School Street
- 347 Nashoba Road
- 348 Central Street, Down Route #2
- 351 Charter Road at Blanchard Auditorium
- 352 Charter Road at Hayward Road
- 354 Hayward Road
- 356 Rex Corporation
- 361 Mohawk Drive at Seneca Road
- 362 Oneida Road
- 363 Seneca Road at Seminole Road
- 364 Seneca Road at Mohegan Road
- 365 Seminole Road at Mohegan Road
- 366 Mohawk Drive at Nashoba Road
- 367 Agawam Road at Mohegan Road
- 372 Nash Road

3-3-3 Emergency Call

61 Out of Town

4-4 All Firemen to Stations

2-2-2 7 A.M. No School All Schools All Day

7-7-7 Military Call

8-8-8 Civilian Defense

10-10-10 Air Raid

For permits call Chief MacGregor — Colonial 3-4348 or 3-7788

Blasting	45
Open air fires	322
Collected for Oil, Gas, Blasting Permits	\$136.00

Under Article 18, we purchased a new pumping engine consisting of an International Chassis, 750 gallon American Marsh Portable Pump, Radio, 2 Emerson resuscitators and otherwise fully equipped, with the exception of hose, for the sum of \$15,000.00, which we are very pleased with and feel that the town made a worthwhile investment.

Under Article 19, the fire alarm system was extended from the South Acton Fire Station to the corner of Main and Prospect Streets, where a box was installed.

I would like to make the following recommendations for the coming year: (1) Our Permit for the mobile radio used at fire alarm headquarters is temporary and should be replaced with a base station. At this time, the Federal Government will pay half of what the town spends on communications. In other words, we will be buying this unit at half price. Also, the town will receive a refund from the Government of approximately \$1,285.00, which represents half the money spent on radios in the past two years. I feel that now is the time to buy, while this money is available.

(2) To extend the fire alarm system in Acton Center from Main Street along Newtown Road, up Maple Avenue and back, thence along Newtown Road and across to Woodbury Lane and thence along Woodbury Lane to Main Street.

(3) Buy additional 2½ inch hose to help build up an inventory that will enable us to have a change for each truck.

(4) Appoint a committee to study the Fire House situation and bring in recommendations as requested by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association. Also to continue the program of setting aside money to be used for replacing fire apparatus. This was a very important item to the Association as we had a definite program to work on. They said they would go along on this basis.

This year a survey was made by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association and I was very pleased to find



FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Acton Center Fire Company.
2. South Acton Fire Company.
3. West Acton Fire Company.

that even though our pumping engines are old and three of them have reached the age limit, that they passed the underwriters tests satisfactorily. This certainly shows that the equipment is being well cared for. The Rating Bureau gave the Fire Department a thorough checking as to mobilized equipment, inventory, personnel, communication and alarm systems and made recommendations for future requirements as the town grows. Unfortunately some people misunderstood these recommendations and thought they had to be done immediately. However, that is not the case. They are recommendations for a long range program to be taken care of as the town grows and really needs them and in the importance that they are needed. In my opinion, the first in importance is the replacing of the West Acton Fire Station. This building is built entirely of wood including the floors. It is too small to accommodate modern fire apparatus and houses the heart of the alarm system. Should it be destroyed by fire and we were able to rescue the trucks, we would have no alarm system in the whole town until it could be replaced. Also, if and when this station is replaced, it would at the same time take care of several of the recommended requirements which are the most expensive ones.

At a recent fire conference held in Worcester, the experts brought out the fact that the Fire Service has gone way beyond fire fighting, inasmuch as firefighters are called upon in all emergencies and disasters. It is the only department, especially in rural districts, that is organized and equipped to cope with floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and major accidents.

I wish to further report that our equipment is in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Chief, Acton Fire Department.

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

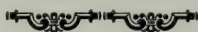
Your Forest Warden submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The total number of brush and grass fire calls responded to was 42. This is a surprisingly low figure and, of course, was due to the wet season.

The forest fire equipment is in good condition and needs little, if any, replacements this year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. MacGREGOR,
Forest Warden.



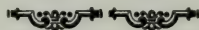
REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

Your committee on Fence Viewing for the Town of Acton reports no activity in partition fences for the year 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS F. LEVERONI,
LAURENCE HADLEY.



REPORT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT

January 24, 1956.

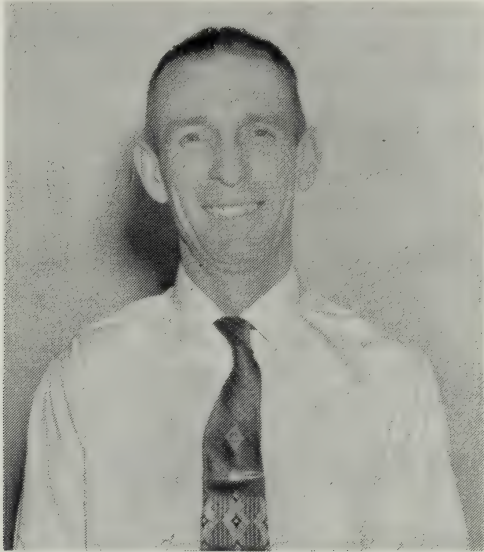
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year ended December 31, 1955, four accidents were reported to me. They required medical attention but were not of a serious nature and no time was lost.

Respectfully submitted,

THERON A. LOWDEN,
Compensation Agent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS



SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS: Benjamin Rice

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Chapter 90 Construction

The construction on Main Street between Route 2 and Hayward Road, which was scheduled for 1954, was not completed until June 30, 1955, due to the hurricanes.

The flood and resulting washout on High Street delayed the work on Main Street from Hayward Road to Taylor Road. The greater part of this work has been done and will be completed in the spring.

The Chapter 90 Construction Program for 1956 will be the reconstruction of Massachusetts Avenue in West Acton Square. This will consist of drainage, proper sub-surface, Bituminous Concrete surfacing to the maximum width and the replacing of sidewalks in keeping with the new grade. Twenty-five thousand dollars has been requested and of this amount, Acton's share will be only \$6,250.00.

Chapter 90 Construction is made possible by a 50% allotment from the State, 25% from the County and 25% appropriated by the Town.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

There are almost 20 miles of designated Chapter 90 roads. Chapter 90 Maintenance consists of the oiling and stoning of these roads. The cost of this is apportioned one-third State, one-third County and one-third Town. This program is mainly one of surface treatment.

Chapter 81 Maintenance

Chapter 81 Maintenance includes repairs and maintenance on all accepted roads even though they come under Chapter 90 Maintenance. Chapter 81 work includes oiling and graveling surfaces, new culverts and culvert repairs, catch basin construction, repair and cleaning, Bituminous and gravel patching, building road shoulders, brush and grass mowing, ledge and stone removal, and the scraping and dragging of roads to be oiled.

Chapter 81 Maintenance also includes the purchase of Calcium Chloride, Road Salt for winter use, brush and weed killers, Bituminous patch material and other materials used to maintain our roads.



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Sand truck and tractor-loader.

Miscellaneous

The grades on a few catch basins have been changed and several culverts have been extended to allow for the widening of the roads concerned. Some narrow roads were widened slightly and stones removed. Traffic and street name signs were repaired and painted, Calcium Chloride was applied to gravel roads, and equipment and vehicles were repaired and maintained.

Brush cutting was confined to roads that were to be oiled. This was due to the fact that men and equipment were needed elsewhere.



SECRETARY — HIGHWAY and POLICE DEPARTMENTS:
Vesta Thompson

Equipment

A used motor driven street sweeper, to be attached to the front end of one of our trucks, was purchased for the purpose of sweeping the streets to be oiled and to clean the winter sand from the gutters and roadsides.

The department has requested one new piece of equipment. A front end loader of a larger size than our present tractor-loader is needed. Our present loader has a small loading



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Sand truck, tractor-loader and dump truck. Employees:
J. Pekkala — E. Perkins — J. Peterson — J. Conquest — J. Howe.

capacity resulting in trucks and men waiting during construction, maintenance, sanding and snow removal. In some cases faster loading would necessitate more trucks, thereby speeding up the work and making it possible to complete more projects.

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance during the flood and consideration shown during my first term as Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN F. RICE,
Superintendent of Streets.

Report of the Town Clerk



TOWN CLERK: Harlan Tuttle.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 7, 1955

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to accept a withdrawal amendment submitted by the School Committee and Finance Committee of Littleton to the Selectmen of Acton on January 6, 1955 under the provisions of Section 12 of the Nagog Regional School District agreement.

Voted: To accept the withdrawal amendment submitted by the Selectmen of Littleton and approved by the School Committee and Finance Committee of Littleton to the Selectmen of Acton on January 6, 1955 under the provisions of Section 12 of the Nagog Regional School District agreement, which amendment was approved by the Acton School Committee January 12, 1955 and by the Acton Finance Committee on January 18, 1955; said withdrawal agreement reading as follows:—

Withdrawal Amendment

1. Nagog Regional School District shall settle its outstanding liabilities and commitments.

2. The remaining balance of cash and other property, including any interest the said District may own in plans for buildings, shall be divided in the proportions in which it was contributed by the Towns of Acton and Littleton.
3. Upon determination of the respective shares of the Towns of Acton and Littleton in the remaining cash and property of Nagog Regional School District as herein provided, the Treasurer of the Nagog Regional School District shall pay over such amounts of cash to the towns and execute such proper documents of transfer of other property as may be requested by the towns and required hereunder.
4. Upon the effective date of this amendment, as prescribed in said Section 12, the Town of Littleton shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Nagog Regional School District, and the said Agreement between the Towns of Acton and Littleton, dated January 27, 1953, shall terminate, except that the present members and officers of the Nagog Regional School District Committee or the survivors of them shall continue thereafter to have power to carry out the terms of this amendment, including the power to apportion, in accordance with the proportions fixed in said Agreement, dated January 27, 1953, to the Towns of Acton and Littleton and collect from them any liabilities or indebtedness of Nagog Regional School District outstanding at the effective date of such withdrawal and not previously settled, or require payment by said Towns of any such liabilities or indebtedness.

Signed: HOLLAND COFFIN,
J. FRED HERPY,
ROGER F. CONANT,
Selectmen of Town of Littleton.

Approved:

Signed: H. ORVILLE HOLLINGWORTH,
CHARLOTTE W. LEAHY,
PHILIP R. HOWARD,
GEORGE B. CALDWELL,
HARRY F. DOMBROSK, Jr.,
Finance Committee of Town of Littleton.

Approved:

Signed: CAROLINE P. SANDERSON,
ELLEN H. HOLLINGWORTH,
THOMAS TODD, Jr.,
A. WARREN HANSON,
RALPH R. URSCH,

School Committee of Town of Littleton.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to create a special unpaid Committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Board, to be appointed in accordance with the Provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended; and that there be appropriated for the use of said board the sum of \$500.00, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the town create a special unpaid committee of three to be known as the Regional School District Planning Committee said committee to be appointed by the Moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended; that there be transferred from surplus revenue for the use of said committee the sum of \$500.00; that said committee be instructed to meet with representatives of the Town of Boxborough, for the purpose of drawing up a Regional School District Agreement. Be it further voted that the committee be instructed to bring in an agreement for acceptance by the Towns not later than March 21, 1955.

The Moderator required a hand vote and appointed the following tellers:

Dewey E. Boatman	H. Calvin Gaebel
Frederick S. Whitcomb	Frederick A. Harris

Vote

Yes	75
No	43

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the purchase and installation of a public address system at the Blanchard Auditorium, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred (\$600.00) dollars for the purchase and installation of a public address system at the Blanchard Auditorium.

Article 4. To see if the town will amend Section II of the Zoning By-Laws by adding paragraph three (3) to read as follows:—

Signs and advertising devices are not to be considered structures under this law, but shall be licensed by the Selectmen after recommendation of the Planning Board. Professional and real estate signs of six (6) square feet in area or less, do not require a license if said signs are on the premises of the person offering the services advertised therein, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To amend Section II of the Zoning By-Laws by adding paragraph three (3) to read as follows:—

Signs and advertising devices are not to be considered structures under this law, but shall be licensed by the Selectmen after recommendation of the Planning Board. Professional and real estate signs of six (6) square feet in area or less, do not require a license if said signs are on the premises of the person offering the services advertised therein.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$2,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old cruiser, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in or sell the old cruiser.

Voted to adjourn at 9:05 P. M.

A true copy. Attest:

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

TOWN ELECTION, MARCH 7, 1955

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
Whole number of votes cast	271	301	315	887

MODERATOR, one year

Albert P. Durkee	232	255	284	771
Scattered	2	1	1	4
Blanks	37	45	30	112

TOWN CLERK, one year

Harlan E. Tuttle	250	276	296	822
Blanks	21	25	19	65

SELECTMAN, three years

Carl A. Christofferson	142	183	200	525
Walter Warren Custance	124	108	111	343
Blanks	5	10	4	19

ASSESSOR, three years

Carl C. Flint	246	282	294	822
Scattered	1	0	0	1
Blanks	24	19	21	64

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, three years

A. Perry Marble	241	263	285	789
Blanks	30	38	30	98

TREASURER, one year

William Henry Soar	243	272	296	811
Blanks	28	29	19	76

TOWN COLLECTOR, one year

Charles M. MacRae	250	269	292	811
Blanks	21	32	23	76

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, three years

Katherine Mary Kinsley	125	143	138	406
George E. Neagle	160	173	211	544
Frank R. Stevens	167	179	187	533
Scattered	0	0	1	1
Blanks	90	107	93	290

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, one year, to fill vacancy

Evelyn N. MacLean	149	155	157	461
James J. Mulvany	95	129	128	352
Blanks	27	17	30	74

CONSTABLES, one year

Edward J. Collins	247	262	292	801
Michael Foley	244	268	292	804
T. Frederick S. Kennedy	239	261	287	787
Ivar Peterson	248	260	284	792
Scattered	1	0	0	1
Blanks	105	153	105	363

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, three years

Howard F. Jones	243	261	291	795
Blanks	28	40	24	92

BOARD OF HEALTH, three years

O. Lawrence Clark	188	213	219	620
Nina E. McLaren	78	77	87	242
Blanks	5	11	9	25

TRUSTEE OF MEMORIAL LIBRARY, three years

Frederick T. Heyliger	248	255	289	792
Blanks	23	46	26	95

TREE WARDEN, one year

Franklin H. Charter	246	258	297	801
Blanks	25	43	18	86

PLANNING BOARD, five years

Harold W. Flood	147	201	150	498
Bernard F. Harrison	67	55	120	242
Scattered	1	0	0	1
Blanks	56	45	45	146

PLANNING BOARD, one year, to fill vacancy

Robert M. Stow	234	251	272	757
Blanks	37	50	43	130

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 14, 1955

Article 1. (Officers) To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town.

Chose: Helen B. Wood trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund for three years.

Chose: Herbert W. Merriam trustee of the Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: James B. Wilson trustee of the West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund for three years.

Chose: Horace F. Tuttle trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen be four hundred dollars per annum and the other members three hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Moderator be fifteen dollars for one evening and twenty-five dollars two evenings for the annual town meeting and ten dollars for each special meeting.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Treasurer be twelve hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Collector be nineteen hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Assessors be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum and the other members eight hundred dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Town Clerk be six hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the Tree Warden be fixed at \$1.35 per hour plus 75 cents per hour for use of a truck.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Health be twenty-five dollars per annum; the clerk fifteen dollars and the other member ten dollars per annum and that the Board of Health be authorized to appoint one of its own members as an assistant agent and assistant custodian of the Town Dump at the rate of \$1.25 per hour, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Voted: That the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare be one hundred twenty-five dollars per annum and that of the other members seventy-five dollars each per annum.

Article 2. (Reports) To see if the town will vote to accept the several reports of the town officers and boards, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To accept the several reports of the town officers and boards.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the necessary expenses of the several departments of the town and determine how the same shall be raised.

Voted unanimously: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter designated and that the same be expended only for the

purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees or officers of the town as follows:

General Government

1	Moderator	\$55.00	
2	Finance Committee Expense	50.00	
3	Selectmen's Dept. Salaries and Wages	4,091.00	
4	Expenses	300.00	
5	Town Accountant Salary	1,200.00	
6	Expenses	150.00	
7	Town Treasurer Salary	1,200.00	
8	Expenses	350.00	
9	Town Collector Salary	1,900.00	
10	Expenses	500.00	
11	Assessors' Salaries and Wages	4,100.00	
12	Expenses	400.00	
13	Town Clerk Salary and Fees	1,000.00	
14	Expenses	350.00	
15	Elections and Registrations Sal- aries and Wages	1,116.00	
16	Expenses	700.00	
17	Total General Government		\$17,462.00

Buildings and Grounds

18	Buildings and Grounds Salaries and Wages	\$3,150.00	
19	Expenses	3,875.00	
20	Total Buildings and Grounds		\$7,025.00

Protection of Persons and Property

21	Police Salaries and Wages	\$19,236.00	
22	Expenses including Cruiser Operation and Uniforms	4,225.00	
23	Fire Department Salaries and Wages	8,760.00	
24	Expenses	5,430.00	

25	Fire Alarm System Salaries and Wages	3,820.00
26	Expenses	1,050.00
27	Fire Hydrant Rental	5,000.00
28	Sealer Weights and Measures Salaries and Wages	250.00
29	Expenses	50.00
30	Moth Department Salaries and Wages	1,000.00
31	Expenses	1,000.00
32	Tree Warden Salary and Wages	2,000.00
33	Expenses	1,200.00
34	Wire Inspector Salary and Travel	750.00
35	Expenses	100.00
36	Dog Officer	350.00
37	Total Protection	\$54,221.00

Health and Sanitation

38	Board of Health Salaries and Wages	\$50.00
39	Expenses	800.00
39A	Secretary Salary	2,340.00
40	Town and School Nurse	3,100.00
41	Expenses	840.00
42	Board of Health Agent Salary	350.00
43	Expenses	300.00
44	Inspector Milk and Food Salary	150.00
45	Expenses	0.00
46	Custodian Town Dump Salary	3,500.00
47	Expenses	800.00
48	State Sanitorium	500.00
49	Medical Supplies	150.00
50	School Clinic	300.00
51	Substitute Nurse	300.00
52	Garbage Collection	5,450.00
53	Inspector of Animals	150.00
54	Expenses	25.00
55	Total Health and Sanitation	\$19,105.00

Highways

56	Village Highways	\$3,000.00	
57	Chapter 81 Highways	8,550.00	
58	Chapter 90 Highways	1,500.00	
59	Snow Removal	13,000.00	
60	Traffic Signs — Lines	500.00	
62	Highway Vacations	700.00	
63	Street Lighting	6,618.60	
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64	Total Highways		\$33,868.60

Charities

65	Welfare District Administration and Welfare Board Salaries ..	\$1,800.00	
66	General Relief	3,000.00	
67	Old Age Assistance	41,000.00	
68	Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00	
69	Disability Assistance	3,000.00	
70	Total Charities		\$53,800.00

Veterans' Aid

71	Veterans' Benefits Salary and Wages	\$200.00	
72	Expenses	250.00	
73	Veterans' Benefits Expenditures ..	8,000.00	
74	Veterans' Services Salary and Wages	900.00	
75	Expenses	50.00	
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76	Total Veterans' Aid		\$9,400.00

Education

77	Instruction	\$159,133.35	
78	Textbooks and Supplies	8,780.70	
79	Plant Operation	27,275.00	
80	Maintenance	3,740.00	
81	Auxiliary Agencies	18,325.00	
82	General Control	11,925.00	

83	Outlay	2,299.15	
84	Contingency Fund	700.00	
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85	Total Education		\$232,178.20

Libraries

86	Libraries Salaries and Wages	\$2,100.00	
87	Expenses	785.00	
88	Books	660.00	
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89	Total Libraries		\$3,545.00

Recreation

90	Playgrounds — both fields	\$1,500.00	
91	Expenses	150.00	
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92	Total Recreation		\$1,650.00

Cemeteries

93	Cemeteries Salaries and Wages (Including Vacations)	\$10,000.00	
94	Expenses	2,500.00	
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95	Total Cemeteries		\$12,500.00

Unclassified

96	Town Reports	\$1,700.00	
97	Workmen's Compensation	2,000.00	
98	Surety Bonds	600.00	
99	Town Counsel (Legal Services)	500.00	
100	Fire Insurance — Town Buildings	1,100.00	
101	Memorial Day	600.00	
102	Pension Fund	2,844.31	
103	Pension Fund Expense	187.50	
104	Military Service Fund	30.73	
105	Board of Appeals Expense	100.00	
106	Planning Board Expense	200.00	

107	Service Fees	300.00
108	Miscellaneous	1,000.00
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109	Total Unclassified	\$11,162.54

Maturing Debt and Interest

110	Maturing Debt (Elementary and High Schools)	\$16,000.00
111	Interest (Elementary and High Schools)	5,245.00
112	Blanchard Auditorium Maturing Debt	20,000.00
113	Interest	1,600.00
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114	Total Debt and Interest	\$42,845.00
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	Total Budget	\$498,762.34

Special Articles

Art. 7.	Center School Cesspool	\$1,000.00
Art. 8.	Vocational Tuition and Trans.	2,000.00
Art. 9.	Physical Education	1,000.00
Art. 10.	Water Safety Account	500.00
Art. 12.	Blanchard Auditorium	11,120.00
Art. 13.	Replacement of Shade Trees ..	250.00
Art. 14.	Eradication of Poison Ivy	1,000.00
Art. 15.	Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00
Art. 16.	Town Forest	100.00
Art. 19.	Fire Alarm System	500.00
Art. 20.	New Construction (Main St.) ..	4,500.00
Art. 25.	Officer and Employee Insurance	1,200.00
Art. 29.	Insurance Fire Department	375.00
Art. 33.	Boiler and Machinery Insurance Policy	600.00

Total to be raised and appropriated under Special Articles	\$25,145.00
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Transfers

Art. 11. High School Electrical Work ..	\$3,000.00	
Art. 17. Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	
Art. 21. Highways	32,175.00	
Art. 22. Machinery Account	2,700.00	
Art. 23. Mt. Hope Cemetery	500.00	
Art. 24. Memorial Library	835.00	
Art. 27. Blanchard Auditorium Bldg. Com.	1,600.00	
Art. 28. Oil Burner Town Hall	400.00	
Art. 30. Acton Water District (Hosmer St.)	200.00	
Art. 31. Legal Services (N. R. S. D.)	50.00	
Art. 32. Office Town Hall	700.00	
Art. 40. Reserve Fund — Surplus Rev- enue	3,000.00	
Overlay Surplus	3,000.00	
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Total Transfers		\$53,160.00

Stabilization Fund

Art. 18. Fire Truck	15,000.00	
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		\$15,000.00
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Grand Total		\$592,067.34

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer the control of the Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium from the Acton Members of The Nagog Regional School District Committee to the Acton School Board, who shall be the representatives of the Town of Acton in all matters relating to the operation and maintenance of the premises and shall employ at the expense of the town all persons employed in such operation and maintenance, and shall in general have charge of the premises in behalf of the town including the assignment of dates and hours for use by organizations and for activities other than the School Department, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the control of the Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium from the Acton Members of the Nagog Regional School District Committee to the Acton School Board, who shall be the representatives of the Town of Acton in all matters relating to the operation and maintenance of the premises and shall employ at the expense of the town all persons employed in such operation and maintenance, and shall in general have charge of the premises in behalf of the town including the assignment of dates and hours for use by organizations and for activities other than the School Department.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,200 for the installation of unit ventilators in the High School, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 7. (Cesspool) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the replacement of the cesspool at the Acton Center School, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for the replacement of the cesspool at the Acton Center School.

Article 8. (Vocational Tuition) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars for the payment of vocational tuition and transportation according to the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws.

Article 9. (Physical Education) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for the conduct of physical education and athletics by the School Department according to the provisions of Chapter 71 of the General Laws.

Article 10. (Water Safety Program) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars to establish a special Water Safety Account for the support of the summer Water Safety Program which is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross and the School Department.

Article 11. (Electrical Work, High School) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to complete the electrical work in the rehabilitation of the High School, or take any action thereon.

Voted: To transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars to complete the electrical work in the rehabilitation of the High School.

Article 12. (Maintenance, Blanchard Auditorium) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,120.00 to maintain and operate Blanchard Auditorium, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand One Hundred Twenty (\$11,120.00) Dollars to maintain and operate Blanchard Auditorium.

Article 13. (Shade Trees) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars for the Tree Department for the replacement of shade trees.

Article 14. (Poison Ivy) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the Tree Department for the eradication of poison ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for the Tree Department for the eradication of Poison Ivy on the highways, streets and school grounds.

Article 15. (Dutch Elm Disease) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for the control of Dutch Elm Disease in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1949.

Article 16. (Town Forest) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for thinning out hardwood trees in the town forest, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for thinning out hardwood trees in the town forest.

Article 17. (Stabilization Fund) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 or any other sum, to be set aside as a Stabilization Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars to be set aside as a Stabilization Fund.

Article 18. (Fire Truck) To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$15,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a fire truck, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars for the purchase of a fire truck.

Article 19. (Fire Alarm System) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the extension of the Fire Alarm System for the Town of Acton; said sum to be used for an extension of the fire alarm circuit from South Acton Fire Station to the corner of Main and Prospect Streets and for a box to be located at said corner, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for the extension of the Fire Alarm System for the Town of Acton; said sum to be used for an extension of the Fire Alarm Circuit from the South Acton Fire Station to the corner of Main and Prospect Streets and for a box to be located at said corner.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for new construction of Main Street from Kelley's Corner to Acton Center; said money to be used in conjunction with \$4,500.00 to be allotted by the County, and \$9,000.00 to be allotted by the State, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars for new construction of Main Street from Kelley's Corner to Acton Center; said money to be used in conjunction with Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars to be allotted by the County and Nine Thousand (\$9,000.00) Dollars to be allotted by the State.

Article 21. (Highways) To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of the State's and County's allotments for highways under Chapters 81 and 90; provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$32,175.00 provided that the reimbursement be credited back to the Surplus Revenue Account. This sum to be made up as follows:

Chapter 81 Maintenance State	\$15,675.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance State	1,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance County	1,500.00
New Construction State	9,000.00
New Construction County	4,500.00
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	\$32,175.00

Article 22. (Machinery Fund) To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,700.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer the sum of \$2,700.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Article 23. (Mt. Hope Cemetery) To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account, for the purpose of oiling the roads and avenues in Mt. Hope Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for the purpose of oiling the roads and avenues in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Article 24. (Memorial Library) To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$835.00 for repairs to the Acton Memorial Library, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Eight Hundred Thirty-five (\$835.00) Dollars for repairs to the Acton Memorial Library.

Article 25. (Insurance) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00, or any other sum, to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment, of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions

of General Laws, (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Sub-section 1, as amended, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred (\$1,200.00) Dollars to pay the cost of effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the Town against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property caused by operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment, of motor or other vehicles owned by the Town as provided by the provisions of General Laws, (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 40, Section 5, Sub-section 1, as amended.

Article 26. (Hydrant Rental) To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract with the Water District for hydrant rental at \$25.00 per hydrant annually, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be instructed to contract with the Water District for hydrant rental at a sum not in excess of \$25.00 per hydrant per year.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$1,600.00 to be expended under the direction of the Blanchard Auditorium Building Committee for the payment of unpaid bills, for painting the locker room floors and for the purchase of equipment for the Blanchard Auditorium, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of Sixteen Hundred (\$1,600.00) Dollars to be expended under the direction of the Blanchard Auditorium Building Committee for the payment of unpaid bills, for painting the locker room floors and for the purchase of equipment for the Blanchard Auditorium.

Article 28. (Oil Burner) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$400.00 for the installation of an oil burner at the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars for the installation of an oil burner at the Town Hall.

Article 29. (Firemen Insurance) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for Protection for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies covering loss of life, total disability, weekly indemnity and medical expense coverage, and see if the town will authorize the Finance Committee to hereafter include a sum sufficient for this purpose in the annual budget, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-five (\$375.00) Dollars for Protection for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies covering loss of life, total disability, weekly indemnity and medical expense coverage, and to authorize the Finance Committee to hereafter include a sum sufficient for this purpose in the annual budget.

Article 30. (Water District) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 as its contribution to the Acton Water District toward the cost of extending a six inch water main from Hosmer Street to the Acton town dump on Massachusetts Avenue, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars as the Town contribution to the Acton Water District toward the cost of extending a six inch water main from Hosmer Street to the Acton town dump on Massachusetts Avenue.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of paying a bill submitted by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer and Dodge for legal services in 1953 in connection with the proposed agreement for the formation of the Nagog Regional School District, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: That the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of paying a bill submitted by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer and

Dodge for legal services in connection with the proposed agreement for the formation of the Nagog Regional School District.

Article 32. (Office at Town Hall) To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$700.00 for constructing an additional office and conference room on the first floor of the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of Seven Hundred (\$700.00) Dollars for construction of an additional office and conference room on the first floor of the Town Hall.

Article 33. (Boiler Insurance) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 or any other sum, to pay the cost of obtaining coverage of various objects suitable for insurance under a boiler and machinery policy, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Twenty-five (\$625.00) Dollars to pay the cost of obtaining coverage of various objects suitable for insurance under a boiler and machinery policy.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for the purchase of fuel oil for all of the town buildings equipped with oil burners, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to contract for the purchase of fuel oil, gasoline, tires and other supplies needed by the town.

Moderator called for a hand vote and appointed the following tellers:

Ray Harris	Theron Lowden
John F. McLaughlin	David Tinker
Ormal S. Laffin	Lowell Cram

Vote

Yes	89
No	49

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for the purchase of a duplicating machine for the use of the Board of Selectmen and other departments, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 36. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five, including two members of the Planning Board, to compile and publish town ordinances, regulations and by-laws now in effect in Acton.

Voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five, including two members of the Planning Board, to compile and publish town ordinances, regulations and by-laws now in effect in Acton.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for a survey of the pollution of waters in the Town of Acton and correction thereof, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the extension of water to a place conveniently located in the center of the dump with water house for connection of hose, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$500.00 for the wages of the Inspector of Plumbing, or act anything thereon.

Motion: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for the wages of the Inspector of Plumbing.

Moderator called for a hand vote and appointed the following tellers:

Arno Perkins
John F. McLaughlin
Ormal S. Laffin

Theron Lowden
David Tinker
Lowell Cram

Yes	43
No	60

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 as a Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

Voted to adjourn at 11:25 P. M.

A true copy. Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

“Shall the town accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I inclusive, of Chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a Regional School District, together with the town of Boxborough, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional school by said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen?”

Yes	302
No	89
Blanks	1

80

Voted: The town authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the School Committee to license the use of the Blanchard Auditorium to the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, substantially as set forth in Exhibit A of the agreement accepted by the towns of Acton and Boxborough.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a portion of the land west of Charter Road and north of Massachusetts Avenue, to the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District at a figure not less than the cost to the Town of Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the land now owned by the Town of Acton known as Lot B on the plan of land titled "Land in Acton owned by the Town of Acton, Horace F. Tuttle, C. E., November 18, 1953" on file with the Selectmen of the member towns. Said plan is bounded and described as follows:

Easterly 964 feet by Charter Road; Northerly 102 feet, 688.70 feet, and 324 feet by the land now or formerly of Kazokas, Hall and Knowlton; Westerly 406.3 feet by the land of Knowlton and 257 feet by the land now or formerly of Warner; Southerly by a line 861.30 feet in juxtaposition with north wall of Blanchard Auditorium and containing 16.50 acres, more or less, for the sum of \$11,300.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to grade, surface, and provide surface drainage on Mohawk Drive from Central Street to Seneca Road and on Seneca Road, a section of 570 feet starting from Mohawk Drive; determine whether the money shall be provided for by transfer from available funds and by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended. All construction will meet the requirements of the Planning Board Regulations. Seventy-five (75) per cent of the cost of these improvements to be assessed as Betterments as per Chapter 80 of the General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to grade, surface, and provide surface drainage on Mohawk Drive from Central Street to Seneca Road, a distance of approxi-

mately 2250 feet, and Seneca Road starting at Mohawk Drive for a distance of approximately 570 feet. The money shall be provided for by transferring \$5,000.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account and the balance of \$15,000.00 shall be obtained by borrowing under the authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended. All construction will meet the requirements of the Planning Board Regulations. Seventy-five (75) per cent of the cost of these improvements to be assessed as Betterments as per Chapter 80 of the General Laws.

Hand Vote

Yes	235
No	34

Tellers:

David Tinker	Clarence Frost
Theron A. Lowden	Ormal Laffin
Walter B. Stevens	Frederick Harris

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to continue the survey of storm water drainage being conducted by the Planning Board, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$3,500.00 to continue the survey of storm water drainage being conducted by the Planning Board.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for the installation of an oil burner at the West Acton Fire Station, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$350.00 for the installation of an oil burner at the West Acton Fire Station.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true copy. Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF
THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 9, 1955**

Article 1. To see whether the town will approve or disapprove the amount of debt authorized by the following action of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Committee:

VOTED that pursuant to Section 16 (d) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended and for the purpose therein set out, \$1,300,000 bonds of Acton-Boxborough Regional School District shall be issued from time to time, payable over a period of twenty years from their respective dates in substantially equal installments, provided this shall not require the amount of any such installment to be other than a multiple of \$5,000. The detail and form of such bonds shall be fixed by the regional district school committee, and the bonds shall be sold by the district treasurer with the approval of the said committee.

Voted: That the town approve the amount of debt authorized by the following action of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Committee:

Voted that pursuant to Section 16 (d) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended and for the purpose therein set out, \$1,300,000 bonds of Acton-Boxborough Regional School District shall be issued from time to time, payable over a period of twenty years from their respective dates in substantially equal installments, provided this shall not require the amount of any such installment to be other than a multiple of \$5,000. The detail and form of such bonds shall be fixed by the regional district school committee, and the bonds shall be sold by the district treasurer with the approval of the said committee.

Hand vote, tellers appointed by Moderator.

Ray Harris
Arthur Lee
Herbert E. Shepard

James J. Mulvany
Carl R. Godfrey
Edwin Christofferson

Vote

Yes	192
No	2

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,850.00 for use by the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Committee, duly appointed in accordance with Section 1B of the Agreement voted at the Special Town Meeting, March 21, 1955, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,850.00 for use by the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Committee, duly appointed in accordance with Section 1B of the Agreement voted at the Special Town Meeting, March 21, 1955.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Acton adopted December 16, 1953 as follows: That the zoning map of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts filed in the office of the Town Clerk and incorporated by the vote of the Town December 16, 1953 be amended as follows: By indicating through proper lines or shadings as a business district the land bounded; Beginning at a stone bound at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Kinsley Road; thence Southwesterly by Kinsley Road 494.8 feet to stone bound at land formerly of Annie Kinsley; thence Northwesterly by land formerly of Annie Kinsley 49.62 feet to a stone bound at land of Boston and Maine R. R.; thence Northwesterly by said Boston and Maine R. R. 533.59 feet to a stone bound at said Massachusetts Avenue; thence Southeasterly 171.5 feet by Massachusetts Avenue to point of beginning, or act anything thereon.

(Inserted in warrant on petition of James Edward Kinsley and twenty-seven others.)

Motion for Article 3 did not carry. Moderator called for a hand vote and appointed tellers.

Vote

Yes	28
No	128

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,200.00, or any other sum, so that the Board of Health may contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for a period of one year, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of \$1,950 be raised and appropriated to supplement the appropriation of \$5,450 in the annual budget of 1955 for the collection and disposal of garbage, and that the three year contract entered into for such purposes by the Board of Health in January 1954 be amended to provide that total payments under the contract for the year 1955 shall not exceed \$7,400, and that payments for 1956 shall not exceed \$7,400 except as increased by the allowance of \$5.00 for each habitation erected and occupied during the previous year.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of paying for the inspections and expenses of the Plumbing Inspector and all fees collected for inspections be turned back to the Surplus Revenue Account, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of paying for the inspections and expenses of the Plumbing Inspector.

Moderator called for a hand vote, appointed same tellers as Articles 1 and 3:

Vote	
Yes	132
No	42

Voted to adjourn at 9:05 P. M.

A true copy. Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF
THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 1955

Pursuant to the warrant, the Special Town Meeting was held at Blanchard Auditorium on Monday, September 12, 1955. The Moderator called the meeting to order at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

Article 1. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred (900) Dollars for the Libraries, Salaries and Wages Account, this sum to be in addition to the sum of \$2,100.00 appropriated by the Town under Article 4, Item 86, of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held on March 14, 1955.

Article 2. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty (650) Dollars for the Libraries Expenses Account, this sum to be in addition to the sum of \$785.00 appropriated by the Town under Article 4, Item 87, of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held on March 14, 1955.

Article 3. Voted: That the Selectmen appoint a committee of not over five (5) for the purpose of making a study and recommendations (locations, costs, etc.) for a suitable memorial to the Veterans of World War II and Korea and report at a later Town Meeting.

Article 4. Voted: To amend the vote passed under Article 26 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held March 14, 1955 by increasing the amount of the hydrant rental from \$25.00 per hydrant annually to \$50.00 per hydrant annually, so that the amended vote will read as follows:— That the town instruct the board of Selectmen to contract with the Water District for hydrant rental at \$50.00 per hydrant annually.

Article 5. Voted Unanimously: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars for hydrant rental, to be paid to the West and South Water Supply District of Acton, this sum to be in addition to the sum of \$5,000.00 appropriated by the Town under Article 4, Item 27 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held March 14, 1955.

Article 6. Motion to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton by adding the following paragraph to Section IV — Business District:

Paragraph 3. Area and Yard Regulations. A structure erected for residential purposes in a Business District shall conform to the area regulations, set back restric-

tions and side and rear line restrictions as set forth in Section III of The Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton.

Moderator appointed the following tellers:

Raymond A. Gallant	Alden C. Flagg, Sr.
Clarence Frost	Theron A. Lowden

Total Vote 95

Yes	63
No	32

This article required a two-thirds vote therefore this motion failed to pass.

Article 7. Voted: To amend The Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton by adding the following paragraph to Section V — Industrial District, Paragraph 3.

a. Area and Yard Regulations. A structure erected for residential purposes in an Industrial District shall conform to the area regulations, set back restrictions and side and rear line restrictions as set forth in Section III of the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton.

Same tellers as previous article:

Vote

Yes	62
No	30

Article 8. Motion to amend The Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton by adding the following paragraph to Section VI — Administration.

8. No new construction or alteration of an existing structure may be started without a permit from the Board of Selectmen. The application for such a permit must be filed at least fifteen days prior to the start of the construction or alteration. An alteration is any structural change in an existing structure, the cost of which exceeds \$100.00.

Moderator asked same tellers to count the vote.

Total Vote 79

Yes	5
No	74

Motion did not pass.

Article 9. Voted unanimously to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton by rezoning an area along the westerly side of Main Street, South Acton, which area extends 460 feet in a northerly direction from the north abutment of the Boston and Maine Railroad Bridge as measured along the westerly side of the right of way and of Main Street, to be 150 feet deep as measured from the westerly side of the right of way and of Main Street, from a Residential and Industrial District to a Business District.

Total Vote 86

Article 10. Voted unanimously to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acton by rezoning the southerly side of Massachusetts Avenue, West Acton, between the Boston and Maine Railroad right of way and Kinsley Road to a depth of 130 feet from a Residential District to a Business District.

Total Vote 78

Article 11. Voted unanimously to accept as a Town way the plan of a Town road which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width and a 24 foot or more traveled way extending in a northerly direction from the way known now as Seneca Road, a distance of approximately 1,340 feet, said road to be known as Mohegan Road.

Article 12. Voted to accept as a Town way the plan of a Town road which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width and a 24 foot or more traveled way extending in an easterly direction from the previously accepted section of Seneca Road as an extension of Seneca Road a distance of approximately 870 feet to the way now known as Mohegan Road.

Article 13. Voted to accept as a Town way the plan of a Town road which has been laid out by the Selectmen and has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said plan showing a road 40 feet in width and a 24 foot or more traveled way extending in a westerly direction from the way now known as Mohegan Road, then in a southerly direction to the way known as Seneca Road, crossing said Seneca Road in a southerly direction to a turn around, a distance of approximately 2,452 feet, said road to be known as Seminole Road.

Article 14. Voted unanimously to alter the location of Robbins Street, in South Acton as shown on the plan filed in the Town Clerk's office, the expense of moving this road to be borne by the Val Construction Company, who are owners of the land on both sides of this road in the section affected.

Article 15. Voted to amend the Earth Removal Bylaw of 1950 which was voted under Article 48 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held on March 13, 1950, by striking out paragraphs 1-1 through 5-1 and substituting the following:

Section 1. The removal of soil, loam, sand or gravel from any land in the Town not in public use is prohibited unless authorized by permit from the Board of Appeals, organized under the Protective Zoning Bylaw, except under the following conditions:

- a. When such removal is at the site of, incidental to, and in connection with, the necessary excavation and grading of (1) a building and appurtenant driveways for which a permit has been granted by the Board of Selectmen or other licensing body, or (2) the construction of a street that has been approved by the Planning Board. The volume of loam so removed shall not exceed the volume of loam in that part of the site to be occupied by such buildings and appurtenant driveways or by the pavement of such street.
- b. When such removal is in accordance with special permission from the Board of Appeals issued under the provisions of the Protective Zoning Bylaw as now in effect or as hereafter amended.

Section II. Application for a permit shall be filed with the Board of Appeals by the record owner of the land and shall be accompanied by a plan showing the location, boundaries, and area of the land involved and the portion thereof from which the applicant proposes to make such removal.

Section III. The Board of Appeals shall fix a reasonable time for a public hearing on the application and shall give due notice at the expense of the applicant, by publishing notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing in a local newspaper, and by mailing a copy of said notice to the applicant and to the owners of all property deemed by said Board to be affected thereby, as they appear in the most recent local tax list.

Section IV. In granting a permit, the Board of Appeals shall impose limitations as to the time, and as to the extent of the permitted removal and such other appropriate conditions, limitations, and safeguards as the Board deems necessary for the protection of the neighborhood and of the public health, safety, convenience and welfare, and may condition the continuance of the permit upon compliance with regulations of the Board of Appeals then in force or thereafter adopted. In its discretion the Board may require a surety bond, cash, or other adequate security to insure compliance with the terms, conditions, and limitations of the permit. The concurring vote of all members of the Board shall be necessary for the issuance of a permit.

Section V. This Bylaw shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen or other licensing body.

Section VI. The penalty for violation of this Bylaw shall be as follows:

For the first offense, \$50.00; for the second offense, \$100.00; for each subsequent offense \$200.00.

Total Vote 55	
Yes	42
No	13

Article 16. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of paying for the inspection in addition to the sum of \$500.00 appropriated by the Town

tions and expenses of the Plumbing Inspector, this sum to be compatible lighting system will be considered.
under Article 5 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held on May 9, 1955.

Article 17. Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase of a new two-way radio for the Police Department.

Voted to adjourn at 10:55 P. M.

A true copy. Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF
THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 1955

Article 1. Voted Unanimously: That this meeting go on record as expressing disapproval of the amount of debt (\$300,000.00) authorized by vote of the Acton-Boxborough Regional District School Committee on September 29, 1955 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a school building.

Whole number of votes cast 223.

Yes	None
No	223

Article 2. Voted: That the amendments to the Agreement for a Regional School District for the Towns of Acton and Boxborough set forth in Article 2 of this warrant be approved.

Moderator appointed following tellers:

Charles Judd Farley	Thomas Motley, 2d
Donald O. Nylander	David Tinker

Ballot vote

Yes	223
No	3

Voted to adjourn at 8:50 P. M.

A true copy. Attest: HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 12, 1955

In absence of Town Clerk, Moderator called for ballot vote for Clerk of meeting.

Voted: That Moderator cast one ballot for Virginia Milbery as Clerk of meeting.

Moderator cast one ballot.

Charles D. MacPherson, member of Board of Selectmen, declared Virginia Milbery elected as Clerk.

Article 1. (Special School Building Committee) To see if the town will vote to authorize the appointment by the Moderator of a Special School Building Committee, which committee shall consist of four members from the town at large and one member from the school committee, to plan the addition of six rooms to the Julia L. McCarthy Primary School and suggest methods for the financing thereof, said committee to report at the next special or regular town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Voted Unanimously: To authorize the appointment by the Moderator of a Special School Building Committee, which committee shall consist of four members from the town at large and one member from the school committee, to plan the addition of six rooms to the Julia L. McCarthy Primary School and suggest methods for the financing thereof, said committee to report at the next special or regular town meeting.

Committee appointed: Ormal Laffin, Walter B. Stevens, Edward J. Bursaw, Porter Jenks, and Edmond J. McNiff, as member from the School Committee.

Edward J. Bursaw and Porter Jenks declined appointment.

Appointed: Lloyd Priest and Norman McIntosh to fill vacancies.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for expenses incurred by the special school building committee mentioned in Article 1, or take any other action thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate Seven Hundred (\$700) Dollars for expenses incurred by the special school building committee mentioned in Article 1.

Article 3. (Street Sweeper) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a six (6) foot engine powered street sweeper for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: To transfer the sum of Seven Hundred (\$700) Dollars from Surplus Revenue for the purchase of a six (6) foot engine powered street sweeper for the Highway Department.

Voted to adjourn at 8:14 P. M.

Voters present: 64.

VIRGINIA MILBERY,
Clerk.

A true copy. Attest:

HARLAN E. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

IMPORTANT REQUEST



Please notify the Town Clerk immediately of any error or omission in the following List of Births.

Errors not reported at once can be corrected only by sworn affidavit, as prescribed by the General Laws, and may cause you inconvenience which can be avoided by prompt attention.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1955

Date	Place	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Jan. 3	Concord	Kelley, Nancy Lynne	John J. and Clare A. Bentley
Jan. 6	Concord	Warila, Sherri Lynn	Oliver R., Jr. and Doris Torkelsen
Jan. 9	Amarillo, Texas	Hryniewicz, David William	Frederick J. and Edna L. Harnum
Jan. 10	Concord	Hill, Susan Elizabeth	Anthony and Edith J. Hood
Jan. 14	Concord	Farrell, Jeanne Helen	Richard N. and Barbara A. Davis
Jan. 16	Concord	Porrizzo, Vincent James	Armando J. and Lorraine A. Russell
Jan. 17	Concord	Stevens, Arthur Loomis	Frank R. and Katherine R. Loomis
Jan. 20	Concord	Smithers, Timothy	Thomas W., III and Elizabeth Belcastro
Jan. 23	Concord	Lent, Ann Marie	Charles B. and Joanne E. Acorn
Jan. 24	Concord	Morse, Warren Henry, Jr.	Warren H. and Ann Napolitano
Jan. 25	Concord	Allard, Diane Louise	Edward J. and Eileen DePratere
Jan. 26	Concord	Priest, Sara Louise	Clarence I., Jr. and Frances Bretemps
Feb. 2	Concord	Stewart, Donna Lee	John B. and Margery French
Feb. 5	Concord	Brown, Jeffrey Robert	Donald W. and Eleanor M. Justice
Feb. 6	Concord	Woodward, Glenn	Arnold E. and Barbara V. Hughes
Feb. 7	Concord	Kelley, Deborah Jean	Lawrence B. and Virginia L. Kearns
Feb. 10	Concord	Ray, Daniel Paul	David J. and Dorothy Pendergast
Feb. 14	Concord	Bailey, Mark Stuart	George S. and Barbara L. Phelps
Feb. 14	Concord	Charter, William Wesley	John W. and Eleanor D. Brackett
Feb. 16	Boston	Meehan, David Martin	Francis X. and Anne M. Peterson

Feb.	19	Concord	McLaughlin, Mary	John F. and Irene F. White
Feb.	22	Concord	Evans, Martha Lea	Robert E. and Virginia M. Bell
Feb.	22	Concord	Nelson, Deborah Jean	Elliot D. and Joan Christianson
Feb.	23	Vallejo, Cal.	Johnson, Eric Wayne	Billy R. and Joan L. Christofferson
Feb.	27	Concord	Malson, Carol Elaine	Francis L. and Doris J. Goss
Mar.	1	Arlington	Tremblay, Steven James	Joseph A., Jr. and Dorothy L. Woodbury
Mar.	2	Concord	Priest, Robert Raymond, Jr.	Robert R. and Phyllis J. Andersen
Mar.	3	Concord	Jackson, David Albert, Jr.	David A. and Sybil C. Higgins
Mar.	11	Waltham	Callahan, Colleen Patricia	Thomas J. and June P. Obin
Mar.	11	Concord	Munro, Maria	Richard A. and Josephine E. LaSarso
Mar.	13	Boston	Francis, Peter Alan	Charles R. and Sally Miller
Mar.	20	Framingham	Hekkala, Susan Lynne	John and Janet Hale
Mar.	22	Concord	Hitchcock, Debra Ann	William E. and June P. Clark
Mar.	24	Waltham	Towne, Debra Kay	Frank C., Jr. and Barbara Berencsi
Mar.	25	Concord	Bergman, John William	Carl W. and Alice L. Colton
Mar.	26	Concord	Cohn, Sallie Ellen	Paul R. and Joan Seadler
Mar.	27	Concord	Butler, Michael Joseph	Horace B. and Laura H. Stapel
Mar.	29	Concord	Fenton, David Brian	Chauncy R., Jr. and Dorothy M. Hoffman
Mar.	29	Aberdeen, Maryland	Beust, Lynne Karen	Walter and Beverly A. Brunquell
Mar.	29	Cambridge	Foust, Richard Brett	Bertram E. and Patricia Long
Mar.	31	Concord	Vanderhoof, Robert Alan	Parker and Donna M. Chaffee
Apr.	2	Boston	Foote, Judith Lynn	Harrison D. and Phyllis M. Hackley
Apr.	3	Boston	Clewley, Margaret Alice	William B. and Esther Poutasse

Apr.	6	Concord	Vail, Roger Allen	Leonard E. and Edith J. Parker
Apr.	7	Ayer	Arthur, Holly Rae	Perley H. and Lillian E. Hollowell
Apr.	15	Cambridge	Lesure, Edmund Reed	Paul H. and Lydia W. Reed
Apr.	19	Concord	Clapp, Richard Aldrich	Robert E. and Priscilla F. Garrett
May	2	Concord	Edwards, Brian William	Howard R. and Dawn V. Dagenais
May	2	Concord	Sweetser, Pamela Jane	Roger and Marion D. Walker
May	4	Concord	Fowler, Mark Alan	John P., Jr. and Miriam S. Ward
May	7	Concord	Durand, Robert Michael	Robert I. and Virginia M. Subick
May	12	Boston	Lanoue, Thomas Vincent	Joseph E. and Marceline West
May	13	Boston	Sweeney, Daniel Patrick	Daniel J. and Lucy A. Joyce
May	16	Concord	Foster, Alexander Downer	Caxton C. and Mildred R. Downer
May	20	Concord	Thoresen, Catherine Elizabeth	George A. and Eleanor E. McColl
May	24	Concord	Schaeffer, James Michael	James P. and Claire J. Condon
May	24	Boston	Johnson, Karen Ann	Robert A. and Anna M. Andreassen
May	26	Concord	Aalto, Eric Mikael	Eino A. and Hilda J. Paakki
May	29	Concord	Burke, Timothy Robert	Robert J. and Agnes J. Perrault
May	31	Concord	Thomas, Karen Alma	John W., Jr. and Alma G. Larson
June	1	Boston	Beal, Marcia Carol	Harold B. and Shirley Armstrong
June	3	Concord	Schoeffler, Brian James	Fred J. and Yola Ronca
June	4	Concord	Noftle, Dana James	Samuel James and Virginia C. Parker
June	5	Concord	Vanderhoof, Gretchen	Albert and Beatrice M. Cress
June	6	Concord	McFarland, Sheryl Ann	Kenneth R. and Harriet D. Frizzle
June	7	Concord	Henley, Brenda Jean	Russell J. and Mary McFarland
June	8	Concord	McDonald, Deborah Jean	William P. and Ruth A. Mark

June 9	Concord	Rayen, Kathleen Anne	Leslie A., Jr. and Beverly A. Krusell
June 15	Concord	Benoit, Donna Elaine	Timothy P. and Elaine M. Poirier
June 15	Concord	Brown, Marion Stephanie	George D. and Veronica S. Norris
June 15	Concord	Keith, Susanna Bacon	Rowland D. H. and Margaret P. Cannon
June 16	Concord	Loring, Susan Mary	John H., II and Tatiana Farley
June 21	Boston	Spellman, Richard Lee, Jr.	Richard L. and Esther Connolly
June 23	Concord	Ayer, David Roberts	Calvin W. and Sara A. Custance
June 24	Concord	Pierce, James Miles	Lawrence M. and Jean E. Banks
July 2	Waltham	Young, Dale Christine	Alfred W., Jr. and Mary A. Lowe
July 4	Concord	Drugge, David John	Donald E. and Joan G. Wainwright
July 6	Newton	Gunter, Craig Douglas	Otis D. and Doris Waterhouse
July 11	Concord	Deane, Douglas Randolph	William J. and Orpha B. Brown
July 16	Concord	Wilson, Robert Calvert	Grafius C. and Marian Baker
July 30	Concord	Frost, Robert Edward, Jr.	Robert E. and Judith Heyliger
Aug. 2	Boston	Lank, John Richard	Ellsworth F. and Jean M. Hartzell
Aug. 3	Somerville	Foskett, Wallace Eugene	Wallace E. and Eva M. Smart
Aug. 12	Concord	Trebendis, Ann Marie	John J. and Marjorie F. Pacy
Aug. 18	Concord	Swanson, Debra May	John H., Jr. and Ethel C. Harvest
Aug. 24	Concord	O'Dowd, Mark Steven	Charles J. and Jeanne M. Doten
Aug. 24	Concord	Waldron, Louise Rogers	Chauncey W., Jr. and Arleen Smith
Sept. 2	Cambridge	Hryniewicz, Mark	Joseph F. and Rosemary Tusing
Sept. 5	Waltham	Flerra, Michael Louis	Louis F. and Gaye P. Clarke
Sept. 5	Concord	Keith, Donald Scott	Donald E. and Alta L. Sapp

Sept. 9	Concord	Shebak, Peter Michael, Jr.	Peter M. and Helene A. Kaminski
Sept. 11	Waltham	Delaney, Joseph Edward	Joseph W. and Emily M. Cotton
Sept. 19	Concord	Saganich, Daniel Paul	John P. and Mary E. Sexton
Sept. 24	Concord	Young, Loretta Marie	Henry M. and Helen M. Todisco
Sept. 25	Concord	Beaudoin, Shaun	Rene A. and Patricia F. Mullen
Sept. 26	Concord	Moscariello, Susan Marie	Pasquale and Gaetana Ferrara
Sept. 26	Concord	Olsen, Sherry Leigh	Kenneth A. and Barbara A. McCabe
Sept. 27	Concord	Johnson, Diane Sarah	Roland W. and Joan S. Kennedy
Oct. 7	Concord	Sletten, Robert John	Carlyle J. and Ruth B. Lessard
Oct. 15	Lowell	Guenard, Brenda Lee	Arthur H. and Marlene Chateaufneuf
Oct. 18	Chelsea	Lambert, Kimberly An	Earl L. and Meredith Manion
Oct. 24	Arlington	Erickson, Elaine Joy	Robert J. and Joyce A. Morton
Oct. 24	Concord	Nastasi, David Mario	Joseph A. and Nancy B. Turner
Oct. 26	Concord	MacEwan, Robert Bruce, III	Robert B., Jr. and Shirley Bright
Oct. 28	Concord	Imbimbo, Mark	Mark A. and Marjorie Larsen
Nov. 3	Concord	Johnson, Judith Lee	Edwin J. and Ethel W. Davis
Nov. 7	Concord	Broughton, Scott Allen	Everett L. and Beverly Crain
Nov. 9	Concord	Paientment, Sandra Louise	Philip R. and Marjorie L. Cushing
Nov. 10	Concord	Jones, Diane Marie	Russell T. and Mary D. Keefe
Nov. 10	Concord	Jones, Dean Richard	Russell T. and Mary D. Keefe
Nov. 10	Concord	Moody, Kathy Jane	William H. and Jane G. Hardy
Nov. 21	Waltham	Bonfiglio, Guy Peter	Guy Peter and Joan H. Glebus
Nov. 21	Concord	Shaw, Richard Winfield, Jr.	Richard W. and Marguerite A. Goldthwaite
Nov. 22	Concord	Walker, Dana Hudson	Robert H. and Barbara L. MacEwan

Nov. 28	Concord	Hinckley, Sarah	Dana B. and Sarah K. Morse
Dec. 4	Concord	Olsen, John Wilfred	Stanley J. and Eleanor L. Vinez
Dec. 6	Concord	Kenney, Brian Geoffrey	Theodore A. and Dorothy Ezekiel
Dec. 13	Waltham	Shinn, Don Keith, Jr.	Don K. and Opha E. Martin
Dec. 14	Concord	Bateman, Christopher Elliot	Richard C. and Phyllis V. MacMillan
Dec. 18	Concord	Nelson, Holly Anne	John E. and Jacqueline McCabe
Dec. 20	Concord	Hagan, Francis	Thomas J. and Emily R. Watkins
Dec. 21	Concord	Last, Carol Ann	Albert C. and Georgeanna M. Collins
Dec. 29	Concord	Flaherty, Stephen Thomas	John A. and Martha A. Jones

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1954

(Not Previously Reported)

Sept. 1	Chelsea	Dentino, Alfred William	Alfred C., Jr. and Irene S. Lehtinen
Sept. 3	Boston	Morin, Lynda Ann	Walter R. and Dorothy E. Gordon
Sept. 10	Somerville	Fullerton, Roy Arthur	Roy F. and Berniece R. Medeiros
Nov. 17	Concord	Schwaab, Nicolas Edward	Louis C. and Barbara J. Ball
Nov. 24	Waltham	Oliviera, Andrew Joseph	Albert F. and Lena M. Peters
Nov. 26	Concord	Perry, Glenn Foster	Hubert C. and Violet M. Squires
Nov. 28	Boston	Collins, Stephen Goodwin	Norman G. and Frances L. Haggstrom
Dec. 6	Concord	Campbell, Bonnie Marie	Roger T. and Eva D. Haynes

Dec.	11	Concord	Antonelli, Mary Catherine	Arthur A. and Virginia Canessa
Dec.	20	Concord	MacLeod, Scott Harold	Harold R. and Margaret Edwards
Dec.	21	Concord	Merrill, Anne Marie	Ernest O. and Rosa Pacy
Dec.	28	Boston	Sherry, David Francis	Richard D. and Patricia A. Keefe
Dec.	29	Concord	Moore, Laurel Elizabeth	John F. and Joan Sanders
Dec.	30	Concord	Hayes, Robert William, III	Robert W., Jr. and Patricia G. Lawson

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1955

Date	Place	Name	Residence
Jan. 2	West Acton	McGuire, John Bernard Curley, Mary K.	North Acton West Acton
Feb. 12	Concord	Brown, Edward Thomas Hollowell, Mildred Evelyn	Sudbury North Acton
April 10	South Acton	McKelvie, William A. Harrison, Marion M.	South Acton West Acton
April 10	Waltham	Davis, Russell M. Bartleman, Margaret B.	West Acton Waltham
April 16	Maynard	Penniman, William Olsen, Shirley M.	Maynard South Acton
April 16	West Acton	Curran, Daniel F., Jr. Sweeney, Kathleen M.	West Roxbury West Acton
April 17	Maynard	Rooney, Thomas W. Mucciaccio, Caroline F.	North Acton Maynard
May 8	West Acton	Jeanson, Patrick Limoge, Joyce	West Concord East Acton
May 15	West Acton	Deveau, John F. Landry, Henrietta J.	Dorchester South Acton

May 21	West Acton	Peterson, Warren R. Wait, Clare V.	Acton West Acton
May 21	Concord	Slye, Kenneth Morse Hamblin, Judith Linda	Wellesley South Acton
May 30	West Acton	Sarvela, Edwin E. Flerra, JoAnne	Maynard West Acton
June 18	Maynard	Ballard, Walter M., Jr. Stammers, Sandra S.	Acton Maynard
June 18	South Acton	Howell, Arthur A. Nealey, Doris M.	South Sudbury South Acton
June 25	Medford	Engman, John David Hamlin, Cynthia	East Acton Lexington
June 26	Concord	Hancock, James B. Craig, Elsie E.	West Acton Concord
June 26	Framingham	Rocheford, David E. Hope, Sylvia Mae	Framingham East Acton
July 2	Framingham	Forbes, Ralph E. Zinck, Charlotte L.	Acton Framingham
July 3	Maynard	Rizzo, Gerlando Charles Graham, Florence May	South Acton South Acton

Aug. 6	Ayer	Crotty, George Philip Jones, Sarah Ann	Maynard South Acton
Aug. 7	Concord	O'Brien, Richard M. Rizzitano, Suzanne M.	West Acton Concord
Sept. 3	Acton	Heywood, Robert Wales Winslow, Nancy Jean	Cohasset South Acton
Sept. 4	West Acton	Barnhart, Richard B. Lee, Nancy B.	East Acton West Acton
Sept. 4	Maynard	Barlone, Michael F., Jr. Breen, Barbara	Maynard South Acton
Sept. 10	West Acton	Orbanski, Anthony J. Michaud, Irma (Thibeault)	Berlin, N. H. Lewiston, Maine
Sept. 11	Littleton	Kendall, Leonard A. Gregoire, Beverly A.	Acton Littleton
Sept. 25	Littleton	Fraser, Wilfred Arthur Travers, Lee Christine	Acton Littleton
Oct. 1	South Acton	Zimmer, Sumner Dudley Hardy, Dorothy Mae	South Acton South Acton
Oct. 11	Waltham	Braman, Frank Andrew Wilson, Dorothy Ann	South Acton West Acton

Oct. 23	West Acton	Anelons, George Joseph, Jr. Chisholm, Mary Norval	Maynard West Acton
Nov. 10	Maynard	Reynolds, Robert Wilfred Sivonen, Charlotte Mae (Thompson)	West Acton Maynard
Nov. 25	Concord	Whitcomb, Peter Gentsch, Nancy A.	West Acton Concord
Dec. 1	Westford	Caldwell, Robert Bruce Troupe, Judith Louise	West Concord South Acton
Dec. 2	Nashua, N. H.	Howe, Robert James Moreau, Leona May	West Acton West Concord
Dec. 24	West Acton	Sturdevant, Leslie James Reynolds, Phyllis Ann	West Acton South Acton
Dec. 31	West Acton	Price, Harrison Bigelow Beach, Audrey Estelle	Maynard West Acton

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1955

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 12	Brill, Millie Bell (Kennedy)	81	1	18
Jan. 16	Feingold, Paul James	36	0	0
Jan. 23	White, Robert Henry	66	3	2
Feb. 17	Mekkelsen, Oleana (Kundsen)	87	11	5
Feb. 19	McLaughlin, Mary	0	0	1
Feb. 26	Farquhar, Stuart	83	1	22
Mar. 1	Owen, Mary L.	77	2	13
Mar. 4	Mills, Elmore A.	67	11	15
Mar. 14	Chickering, Clarence D.	71	10	1
Mar. 14	Farrar, Rhoda (Stafford)	65	4	25
Mar. 18	Rockwell, William Burgess	76	11	18
Mar. 19	Milliken, Minnie Amelia (Etchells)	85	4	12
Mar. 21	Munn, Winnie Mae	84	5	4
April 2	Gates, Edith A. (Hayes)	41	0	0
April 2	Hayes, Katherine A. (McNerny)	81	6	9
April 4	Jackson, John	58	0	0
April 13	Ranley, Robert Thomas	1	3	0
April 16	O'Neil, Marian D.	70	3	18
April 17	Deane, Bertha M.	50	4	8
April 19	LeClerc, Marie	76	6	20
April 21	Harvey, William Burton	80	3	6
April 24	Locke, Annie (Goodsell)	72	1	7
April 28	Connolly, Albert	42	0	0
April 29	Hancock, Ellen Agnes (Sweeney)	56	2	27
May 1	Piper, Ralph Waldo	66	0	1
May 10	Clemence, Percy	63	7	9
May 17	LeBlanc, Albenie Joseph	74	0	0
May 18	Worthington, Minnie G. (Capelle)	90	7	2
May 21	Driskell, Jennie W.	73	9	20
May 30	Prentiss, Frank S.	71	0	17
June 21	Stover, William Amos	52	2	29

June	26	Bishop, Alleta (Sears)	83	9	0
July	15	Baker, Charles Fisher	86	7	9
Aug.	7	Cox, Ernest LeRoy	55	2	18
Sept.	3	O'Brien, William H.	59	7	9
Sept.	12	Lothrop, Mary Haskell	74	4	11
Sept.	20	Benson, Albert Ernest	70	1	4
Sept.	24	Capelle, Charles H.	79	6	1
Sept.	27	Beverley, Edith Louise (Pratley)	76	5	6
Sept.	29	Hyde, Fletcher Sprague	66	5	21
Oct.	17	Toohey, Jessie May	77	0	27
Nov.	17	Walter, Mary Cornelia (Little)	99	1	20
Nov.	20	Slaught, Francis Ellsworth	56	7	4
Nov.	23	Goodwin, James	65	10	8
Dec.	8	Soar, Margaret (Farrand)	72	10	19
Dec.	19	Tuttle, Horace F.	91	2	29
Dec.	25	Briggs, Bertha B. (Reynard)	64	3	12
Dec.	29	Davis, Lizzie (Morse)	77	0	16

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1955

Date	Name	Age		Place of Death	Place of Burial
		Y.	M. D.		
July 29	Bancroft, John	3	10 1	Littleton, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Dec. 13	Boynton, Clara M.	69	3 17	Pawtucket, R. I.	Woodlawn Cemetery
June 10	Brown, Laura E.	88	8 21	Maynard, Mass.	Mt. Hope Cemetery
Aug. 12	Chapin, Grace M.	81	0 0	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Apr. 13	Cleaves, Wesley A.	48	0 0	Cambridge, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Feb. 19	Deffly, Frank	74	1 0	Newark, N. J.	Mt. Hope Cemetery
Apr. 22	Dole, Cyrus G.	82	0 22	Watertown, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
July 31	Dow, Edmund C.	59	7 8	Concord, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Dec. 7	Downs, Harold P.	77	0 8	Saugus, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Mar. 8	Edwards, Marjorie B.	66	9 11	Haverhill, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
May 2	Farrar, Merrit L.	56	8 21	Newton, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Nov. 26	Foskett, Clinton I.	73	7 5	Somerville, Mass.	Mt. Hope Cemetery
Aug. 3	Gowen, George B.	88	0 0	Rutland, Vt.	Mt. Hope Cemetery
Dec. 13	Grove, Lillian M.	83	2 7	Hough Neck, Mass.	Mt. Hope Cemetery
Nov. 19	Haven, Lillian H.	63	9 27	Concord, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery

Feb. 8	Howes, Edith T.	93	0	5	Aberdeen, N. C.	Mt. Hope Cemetery
May 17	Kelley, Chester E.	63	3	15	Boston, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Nov. 8	Lane, Ralph P.	76	3	15	Dorchester, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
June 2	Mills, Myra Z.	58	2	26	Concord, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Mar. 20	Perrault, Leon I.	68	5	4	Cambridge, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
May 30	Phalen, Harold R.	66	0	0	Williamsburg, Va.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Nov. 6	Rowse, John A.	73	3	23	Somerville, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Mar. 31	Smith, Ella F.	83	0	0	Manchester, N. H.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Aug. 29	Whitten, Helen E.	65	0	0	Seattle, Wash.	Woodlawn Cemetery
Dec. 4	Wolfe, William F.	67	1	25	Concord, Mass.	Woodlawn Cemetery

NOTICE



All dog licenses here listed EXPIRE
MARCH 31, 1956.

Dogs must be licensed on or before
April 1st or the owners or keepers
thereof are liable to a fine.

The law applies to all dogs three
months old or over, regardless of time
of year ownership is acquired.

No tax bills are sent to owners of
dogs.

LIST OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1955

F. Wendell Putnam	1	Raymond F. Letts	40
Harold C. White	2	David Tinker	41
Dewey E. Boatman	3	Rachael A. Haynes	42
George W. Loggie	4	James G. Davey	43
Fred S. Kennedy	5	Ruth MacGregor	44
Fred S. Kennedy	6	Ruth MacGregor	45
David Gates	7	John Torkelsen	46
Thelma M. Blood	8	Joseph Lemoine	47
Walter A. Stevens	9	Marilyn Clark	48
John Duston	10	Verna Medlar	49
Nancy L. Leslie	11	Verna Medlar	50
Mary E. Parker	12	Stephen Lord	51
Mary E. Parker	13	Edward R. Bailey	52
Robert Farquhar	14	George Neagle	53
Arthur S. Desmond	15	Thomas Doyle	54
Nancy Leslie	16	Dudley Howe	55
Mary Dubee	17	James B. and Naomi L.	
Mamie A. Peterson	18	Owen	56
Hazel Hughes	19	Edwin Anderson	57
Hazel Hughes	20	Cleon E. Phelps	58
Donald W. Parker	21	Sargent Colman	59
Harold A. Warren	22	Jane H. Marsh	60
Harold A. Warren	23	William Flagg	61
Virginia L. Newton	24	Robert Smith	62
Clifford E. Armstrong	25	Robert Smith	63
James Howe	26	Benjamin F. Rice	64
W. L. Marshall, Jr.	27	Louis Flerra	65
Thomas McPhee	28	Joanne Flerra	66
Carl W. Bergman	29	Edmond McNiff	67
Mildred Pope Moore	30	Vaughn Allen	68
Mildred Pope Moore	31	Vaughn Allen	69
Mildred Pope Moore	32	Albert C. Gravlin	70
Craig R. Collins	33	Albert C. Gravlin	71
Edward Mason	34	Albert C. Gravlin	72
Charles Dahill	35	Kenneth T. Blood	73
Beverly Klitsch	36	Hilda Anderson	74
Alfred B. Harbage	37	Bruce L. Larsen	75
Lucille Cunningham	38	Arthur Jalonen	76
Chris Hallos	39	Edward Passerello	77

Eric H. Froberg	78	Edgar A. Perkins, Jr.	119
Eric H. Froberg	79	Alberta Cook	120
Marcia Reed	80	Mrs. Henry Anderson	121
Arlene Snyder	81	Karen A. Anderson	122
Frank Nelson	82	Evelyn Anderson	123
Lawrence Donnelly	83	Mrs. Robert Davison	124
Edward J. Franzosa	84	Mrs. Robert Davison	125
Richard U. Clark	85	Mrs. Vivian McGray	126
Richard U. Clark	86	Carlton Sawyer	127
Deborah Lloyd	87	Albert Kroon	128
David G. Grunditz	88	Frederick F. Lawrence,	
John T. Sleeper	89	Jr.	129
Kathryn Kretschmar	90	Elwyn Hallowell	130
Lowell Cram	91	Elwyn Hallowell	131
Michael J. Britt	92	Lucy Newport	132
Bertha Davis	93	George Hodgson	133
Carrie Knowles	94	Hazel G. Blanchard	134
Carl C. Flint	95	June McIntosh	135
Donna Vanderhoof	96	June McIntosh	136
John Albright	97	Theodore Weyn	137
Leonard Lester	98	Theodore Weyn	138
Leighton Nickerson	99	Theodore Weyn	139
Curtis M. Briggs	100	Annie McLane	140
Carol and Ernest		John McLane	141
Anderson	101	Edmund SanSoucie	142
Helen W. Richmond	102	Edmund San Soucie	143
Glenna Wise	103	Lucretia Conheeney	144
Fannie Davis	104	Louis Schwaab	145
W. Gardner Walker	105	Louis Schwaab	146
Fred Micklay	106	Mrs. Lawrence J.	
Edward Mann	107	Thibault	147
Olga B. Emerson	108	Mrs. Lawrence J.	
John W. Putnam	109	Thibault	148
Mrs. Wm. Graham	110	Rufus W. McFarland	149
Sgt. David Mortimer	111	John Lothrop	150
Robert Evans	112	Jeanette B. Reynolds	151
Martha T. Oakes	113	Edwin Hall	152
Edgar Peterson	114	John N. Stevens	153
Harold Taintor	115	John N. Stevens, Jr.	154
Frederick W. Abbt	116	Mrs. Ruth Lythcott	155
Ernest Fraser	117	Howard R. Edwards	156
Dr. David Smith	118	Charles E. Derby	157

Adolph Wattu	158	John F. Canessa	199
Dorothy Wattu	159	Dr. James S. Goodwin	200
Dwight Nickerson	160	Dr. James S. Goodwin	201
Robert B. Lortz	161	Jack R. Stevens	202
Joyce H. Woodhead	162	Richard Lane	203
Harold C. Parrish	163	John F. Hekkala, Jr.	204
Carl Schontag	164	John F. Hekkala, Jr.	205
Frederick Heyliger	165	Walter Brzezinski	206
Harold Y. Banquer	166	John O. Peterson	207
Irwin O'Neal	167	Arthur Hayes	208
Jacqueline Perry	168	Walter N. Stevenson	209
Jacqueline Perry	169	Rose Snyder	210
Jacqueline Perry	170	Ethel C. Robbins	211
John W. Forrest	171	Charles H. Bumpus, Jr.	212
Charles Harrison	172	Kenneth Jewell	213
Charles Harrison	173	Franklin H. Charter	214
William McMahon	174	Peter Gray	215
Ruth Gates Carter	175	Norman Morris	216
William R. Horton	176	Ralph H. Prescott	217
Barbara Horton	177	Otis J. Reed	218
John M. Pettingell	178	Margaret Larrabee	219
Quenton Banks	179	Forrest E. Bean	220
Karen Cole	180	Forrest E. Bean	221
Arno H. Perkins	181	Craig Lundberg	222
Arno H. Perkins	182	Thomas Wetherbee	223
Richard Sisson	183	Malcolm Fullonton	224
Clinton S. Curtis	184	Harrington Moore	225
Clinton S. Curtis	185	Walter E. Hobson	226
John Thomas	186	Guy Bonfiglio	227
David P. Dickey	187	Charles MacRae	228
Joseph Perry	188	Leroy F. Barnhart	229
William Phillips	189	Herbert L. Leusher	230
Giles Lowden	190	Mrs. Warren E. Hartwell	231
Russell J. Henley	191	Robert Nordberg	232
Leo W. Robinson	192	Alwin A. Klauer	233
Walter H. Ohnesorge	193	Alwin A. Klauer	234
Steven Sweetser	194	Matthew Costello	235
Dana Hinckley	195	William T. Kelley	236
Mrs. Joseph Benullo	196	William C. Harper	237
Beaven Roche	197	Irving S. Duren, Sr.	238
John and Bernard		Miriam D. McCabe	239
Caouette	198	Elizabeth Morrison	240

Tony Perry	241	Stanley R. Veasie	283
Tony Perry	242	Mrs. Francis Moyer	284
Ethel D. Roche	243	Robert M. Bowen	285
Robin Darling	244	Irene B. Murphy	286
John L. Fletcher	245	Robert E. Murphy, Jr.	287
Edward R. Kelley	246	John I. Swensen	288
Edward J. Bursaw	247	Robert J. Young	289
Mrs. George Gilbert	248	Robert J. Young	290
Norman G. Collins	249	Edward M. Ferry	291
Elmer E. Hill	250	Alice Pederson	292
Norman Collins	251	George Raymond	293
Richard W. Shaw	252	Leo White	294
E. Wilson Bursaw	253	John Nyman	295
James W. Baker	254	Susan Thompson	296
Irving S. Duren, Jr.	255	John A. Sena	297
William Cobleigh, Jr.	256	Stanley Palaima	298
Joseph F. Zukatynski	257	Stanley Reed	299
Arthur P. Reynolds	258	Margaret Murray	300
Arthur Decker	259	Eben A. Dickonson	301
Charles Galluzzo	260	Robert Brett	302
Judith Hatch	261	Steven Lever	303
Mrs. Raymond Stinson	262	Stanley Paskiewicz	304
Winston K. Newman	263	Norman L. Perkins	305
Walter Ballard	264	Timothy Hennessey	306
Walter B. Newsham	265	Arthur Conquest	307
Arthur St. Germain	266	Arthur Conquest	308
Joyce Wilkes	267	Buxton Poultry Service,	
Norma Dango	268	Inc.	309
Margaret M. Cullinane	269	James French	310
Mrs. John M. Goddard	270	James French	311
James Murgatroyd	271	George MacNeil	312
Bruce W. Hamblin	272	Peter McGregor	313
Bengt H. Tornell	273	Alberta Knight	314
Barry Woodbine	274	Emma L. Twyford	315
Stephen French	275	Ralph Parsons	316
John Onslow	276	David Ringland	317
John Onslow	277	Alvin Piper, Jr.	318
John Onslow	278	Howard J. Billings	319
Dr. Paul P. Gates	279	Earl R. Spinney	320
William McNiff	280	Lawrence Davis	321
William McNiff	281	Olive Bogart	322
Evelyn Y. Inman	282	Michael J. Walsh	323

Louis LaCourse	324	Benjamin Plume	366
Carrie F. Wells	325	Alfred Young	367
John E. Wetherbee	326	David Flint	368
William Pyrro	327	Robert Clapp	369
Ian Mott	328	Ormal S. Laffin	370
Peter M. Smoltees	329	Dr. Wendell F. Davis	371
Joseph Curtis	330	John Lindfors	372
Joseph Curtis	331	Carl Johnson	373
Frederick J. Strate	332	H. Daniel Flanagan	374
William S. Jones	333	Albert Braman	375
John Lehto	334	Frederick W. Hopkins	376
Jacquelin Davis	335	Frederick W. Hopkins	377
Wm. Henry Soar	336	Harold O. Prentiss, Jr.	378
Pat Moscariello	337	Ralph K. Peterson	379
Peter Cioffi	338	Ivan R. Wold	380
Dr. Bonnell Boardman	339	Ann Ogilvie	381
Edwin A. Anderson	340	Ann Ogilvie	382
Robert Willett	341	Warren Birch	383
C. W. Benson	342	Sherman W. Frost	384
Philip S. Newell	343	William D. Tuttle	385
William Owen	344	Tyler V. Tuttle	386
Safford P. Sweatt	345	Walter Nardelli	387
Safford P. Sweatt	346	Thomas W. Cole	388
Geraldine Prentiss	347	Thomas W. Cole	389
Clesson Bancroft	348	William A. Massie, Jr.	390
Benjamin Bancroft	349	Elizabeth T. Morrison	391
Clyde J. Horne	350	Scott Arthur	392
Frederick S. Whitcomb	351	Martin J. Duggan	393
Frederick S. Whitcomb	352	Robert E. Evans	394
David A. Wilson	353	Henry Hickey	395
Modesto M. Simeone	354	Henry D'Agostino	396
Howard L. Jones	355	Robert F. Burke	397
Wilbur E. Marston	356	Don Shinn	398
John M. Whittier, Jr.	357	James Coughlin	399
Alden C. Flagg, Jr.	358	John F. Coughlin	400
Eleanour S. Anderson	359	Andrew Rein	401
Charles J. Deveau	360	Thomas Harris	402
Harold E. Day	361	Ervin Fitzsimmons	403
Albert Goddard	362	Howland Parker	404
Mark Imbimbo	363	Howland Parker	405
Ethel L. Todd	364	Robert M. Stow	406
John A. C. Kimball	365	Thomas C. Searles	407

Barbara Horn	408	John B. Ledgard	445
Frank H. Turner	409	Jean Hurley	446
Al Connolly	410	William L. Chipman	447
Robert L. Carroll	411	Warren P. Moland	448
Edward Shaw	412	Warren P. Moland	449
Frank I. Averett	413	Wilmer Laffin	450
Frank I. Averett	414	Francis Parker	451
Ellen Beck	415	Edward G. Lawton	452
Ralph C. Choate	416	Arthur McKelvie	453
David T. Garbarino	417	Richard Bursaw	454
Joseph S. Mercurio	418	Joyce Ann Jackson	455
Richard O'Neil	419	Howard A. Hollis	456
William Henry Teele	420	Paul M. McPherson	457
Fraser Laffin	421	Bruce B. Nesary	458
Fred Willett, Jr.	422	Edward J. McCauley	459
Hilda Swanson	423	William Chisholm	460
Oliver Jeanson	424	Woodbury Stevens	461
Julius Jeanson	425	Harvey Gravlin	462
John W. Mahoney	426	Cecil G. Riven	463
Robert W. Annable	427	Harold B. Beal	464
Crimens Pacy	428	Thomas M. Park, Jr.	465
John P. Fowler	429	Mrs. Jay A. Gibbs	466
A. J. Walther	430	John M. Pettingell	467
Charles M. Davis	431	Roger Crafts	468
Ernest A. Magoon	432	Joseph C. Sindoris	469
Robert D. Broadbent	433	Estelle N. Jacobs	470
George Clahane	434	William Kendall, Jr.	471
Richard A. Firth	435	Robert W. Kendall	472
Norman E. Hollowell	436	John Saganick	473
Francis Parker	437	Dr. John T. Aldred	474
Francis Parker	438	H. W. Flood	475
Paul R. Campbell	439	Hobart King	476
Medville L. Clark	440	George H. Locke, Jr.	477
Barbara C. Motley	441	Richard and Nadine	
John Crighton	442	Callahan	478
Vincent Paradis	443	Paul L. Zimmerman	479
George Gilbert	444	Albert W. Wunderly	480

\$10.00 Kennel

Edward B. McKinley	X1	Edith V. Davis	X4
Ben Smalley	X2	Mrs. Ronald McGerigle	X5
Alice LaTulippe	X3	Mrs. Henry Anderson	X6

Jessie C. Woods	X7	Carl W. Flint	X11
Frances Priest	X8	George W. Wetherbee	X12
Charles J. Farley	X9	John E. Moore, Jr.	X13
Charles J. Farley	X10		

\$25.00 Kennel

George Wilkes	X14	Edward Poor	X15
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\$50.00 Kennel

Fraser Kennel	X19	Patrick Palmer	X20
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416 Licenses @ \$ 2.00	\$832.00
68 Licenses @ \$ 5.00	340.00
13 Licenses @ \$10.00	130.00
2 Licenses @ \$25.00	50.00
2 Licenses @ \$50.00	100.00

\$1,452.00

Deduct fees 501 Licenses @ 20¢	100.20
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Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1,351.80
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ASSESSORS' REPORT 1955



BOARD OF ASSESSORS: James Baker, Albert Durkee and Carl Flint.

Taxes assessed as follows:—

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$5,225,380.00
Land	846,355.00
Personal	619,860.00

\$6,691,595.00

Valuation — January 1, 1954	6,161,085.00
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Increase in valuations	530,510.00
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Rate of Taxation — \$58.00

Real Estate	\$352,160.63
Personal Estate	35,951.88
Polls	2,764.00

\$390,876.51

Amount of money raised:

State Parks and Res. Tax	\$687.96
State Audit of Municipal Ac- counts	1,397.70

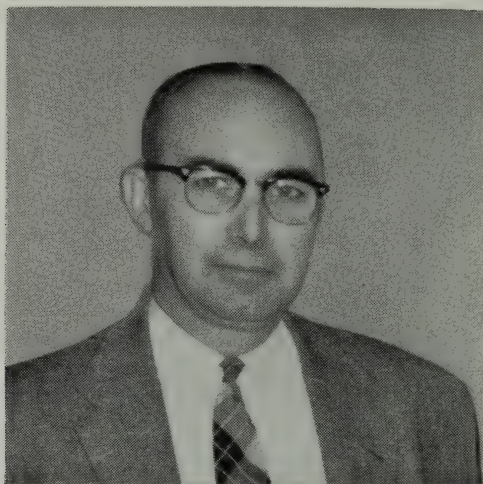
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	
Tax	894.15
County Tax	11,157.00
Tuberculosis Hospital Assess-	
ment	3,810.34
Town Grant	359,849.90
Overlay	13,079.46
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	\$390,876.51

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:—

Number of Vehicles Assessed—2202	
Commissioners Value of Motor	
Vehicles and Trailers	\$1,327,590.00
Rate of Excise—\$53.37	
Total Excise	\$62,305.81
Added Excise of 1954	\$5,311.23
Number of Vehicles Added Excise—372	
Commissioners Value	\$203,590.00

ALBERT P. DURKEE,
CARL C. FLINT,
JAMES W. BAKER,
Board of Assessors.

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT



TOWN COLLECTOR: Charles MacRae.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report from January 1 through
December 31, 1955.

1948 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$31.20
Interest	3.12
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	\$34.32

Paid Treasurer	\$15.60
Tax Title	18.72
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$34.32

1949 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$42.30
Interest	2.75
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	\$45.05

Paid Treasurer	\$14.03
Tax Title	16.92
Abated	11.28
Uncollected December 31, 1955	2.82
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	\$45.05

1950 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$365.21
Interest	30.19
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	\$395.40

Paid Treasurer	\$359.76
Tax Title	32.40
Uncollected December 31, 1955	3.24
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	\$395.40

1951 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$150.61
Interest	8.97
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	\$159.58

Paid Treasurer	\$125.50
Tax Title	21.15
Audit Adjustment	9.40
Uncollected December 31, 1955	3.53
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	\$159.58

1952 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$1,201.63
Interest	56.30
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	\$1,257.93

Paid Treasurer	\$1,210.15
Tax Title	36.75
Abated	7.35
Uncollected December 31, 1955	3.68
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	\$1,257.93

1953 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$9,005.66
Interest	537.89
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	\$9,543.55
 Paid Treasurer	 \$9,248.93
Tax Title	37.65
Uncollected December 31, 1955	256.97
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	\$9,543.55

1954 Real Estate Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$29,153.03
Interest	576.74
Refunds	19.44
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	\$29,749.21
 Paid Treasurer	 \$22,027.97
Tax Title	33.44
Abated	124.87
Uncollected December 31, 1955	7,562.93
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	\$29,749.21

1955 Real Estate Tax

Committed	\$352,221.53
Interest	59.97
Refunds	1,909.65
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	\$354,191.15
 Paid Treasurer	 \$321,192.33
Tax Title	31.90
Abated	6,787.10
Uncollected December 31, 1955	26,179.82
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	\$354,191.15

1948 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$82.37
Interest	36.84
Abatement Rescinded	41.60
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	\$160.81
Paid Treasurer	\$160.81
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$160.81

1949 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$71.44
Interest	28.23
Abatement Rescinded	37.60
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	\$137.27
Paid Treasurer	\$137.27
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$137.27

1950 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$165.12
Interest	14.66
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	\$179.78
Paid Treasurer	\$179.78
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$179.78

1951 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$615.70
Interest	47.12
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	\$662.82

Paid Treasurer	\$213.65
Uncollected December 31, 1955	449.17
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	\$662.82

1952 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$609.20
Interest	36.93
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	\$646.13

Paid Treasurer	\$212.48
Uncollected December 31, 1955	433.65
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	\$646.13

1953 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$1,231.41
Interest	71.04
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	\$1,302.45

Paid Treasurer	\$829.86
Abated	50.20
Uncollected December 31, 1955	422.39
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	\$1,302.45

1954 Personal Property Tax

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$2,647.55
Interest	13.08
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	\$2,660.63

Paid Treasurer	\$730.99
Uncollected December 31, 1955	1,929.64
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	\$2,660.63

1955 Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$35,951.88
Interest	5.34
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	\$35,957.22

Paid Treasurer	\$33,237.31
Uncollected December 31, 1955	2,719.91
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	\$35,957.22

1948 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$46.71
Interest	1.88
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	\$48.59

Paid Treasurer	\$7.98
Abated	40.61
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$48.59

1949 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$157.60
Interest	15.48
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	\$173.08

Paid Treasurer	\$144.23
Abated	28.85
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$173.08

1950 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$266.76
Interest	65.03
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	\$331.79

Paid Treasurer	\$302.18
Abated	29.61
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$331.79

1951 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$415.62
Interest	88.41
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	\$504.03
Paid Treasurer	\$448.96
Abated	55.07
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$504.03

1952 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$360.26
Interest	32.46
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	\$392.72
Paid Treasurer	\$285.33
Abated	107.39
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$392.72

1953 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$971.87
Interest	30.02
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	\$1,001.89
Paid Treasurer	\$544.43
Abated	457.46
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$1,001.89

1954 Excise

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$4,390.11
Interest	143.88
Refunds	420.50
Committed	11,419.14
Audit Adjustment	10.38
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	\$16,384.01

Paid Treasurer	\$11,292.70
Abated	4,666.83
Uncollected December 31, 1955	424.48
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	\$16,384.01

1955 Excise

Committed	\$62,305.81
Interest	74.07
Refunds	1,854.52
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	\$64,234.40
 Paid Treasurer	 \$51,194.64
Abated	4,507.84
Uncollected December 31, 1955	8,531.92
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	\$64,234.40

1949 Poll

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$4.00
Interest88
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	\$4.88
 Paid Treasurer	 \$4.88
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$4.88

1950 Poll

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$2.00
Interest36
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	\$2.36
 Paid Treasurer	 \$2.36
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$2.36

1951 Poll

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$4.00
Interest64
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	\$4.64
Paid Treasurer	\$4.64
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$4.64

1952 Poll

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$6.00
Interest60
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	\$6.60
Paid Treasurer	\$6.60
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$6.60

1953 Poll

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$12.00
Interest81
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	\$12.81
Paid Treasurer	\$10.81
Abated	2.00
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$12.81

1954 Poll

Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$154.00
Interest	5.07
Abatement Rescinded	2.00
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	\$161.07

Paid Treasurer	\$141.07
Abated	20.00
Uncollected December 31, 1955	None
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	\$161.07

1955 Poll

Committed	\$2,778.00
Interest	4.39
Refunds	6.00
Abatement Rescinded	2.00
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	\$2,790.39
Paid Treasurer	\$2,342.39
Abated	404.00
Uncollected December 31, 1955	44.00
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	\$2,790.39

Cemetery Department

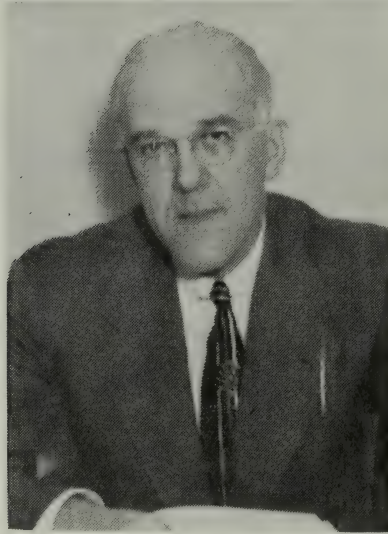
Uncollected December 31, 1954	\$196.50
Committed	646.50
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	\$843.00
Paid Treasurer	\$624.00
Uncollected December 31, 1955	219.00
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	\$843.00
Lien Certificates — Paid Treasurer	\$298.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. MacRAE,
Town Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955.



TREASURER: W. Henry Soar.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts.

I herewith submit my report for the year 1955:

Cash Balance January 1, 1955	\$221,616.23
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Received from State Treasurer

Veterans' Services	\$2,874.97
Disability Assistance	679.27
Old Age Assistance	24,530.04
Aid Dependent Children	3,827.17
Disability Assistance, Federal	1,420.75
Old Age Assistance, Federal	22,945.76
Aid Dependent Children, Federal	3,392.87
Highways	13,111.73
Highways Chapter 90	8,985.47
Meal Tax	1,205.52
Income Tax	5,535.27
Corporation Tax	22,038.87
School Chapter 70	53,660.88
Hurricane Damage	3,565.73

Veterans' Benefits	739.60
Tuition	2,632.42
Reim-Loss on Taxes	1,798.57
Blanchard Auditorium	24,276.56
Transportation	3,730.62
Vocational Education	828.37
Board of Health	150.71

\$201,931.15

Received from County Treasurer

Dog Officer	\$273.00
Dog License Refund	878.40
Highways	5,237.83
Miscellaneous Aid	5.00

\$6,394.23

Received from Collector of Taxes

Excise, 1948	\$6.10
Personal, 1948	123.97
Real Estate, 1948	12.48
Poll, 1949	4.00
Excise, 1949	128.75
Personal, 1949	109.04
Real Estate, 1949	11.28
Poll, 1950	2.00
Excise, 1950	237.15
Personal, 1950	165.12
Real Estate, 1950	329.57
Poll, 1951	4.00
Excise, 1951	360.55
Personal, 1951	166.53
Real Estate, 1951	116.53
Poll, 1952	6.00
Excise, 1952	252.87
Personal, 1952	175.55
Real Estate, 1952	1,153.85
Poll, 1953	10.00
Excise, 1953	514.41
Personal, 1953	758.82

Real Estate, 1953	8,711.04
Poll, 1954	136.00
Excise, 1954	11,148.82
Personal, 1954	717.91
Real Estate, 1954	21,451.23
Poll, 1955	2,338.00
Excise, 1955	51,120.57
Personal, 1955	33,173.97
Real Estate, 1955	321,190.36
Liens	298.00
Care of Cemetery Lots	624.00
Tax Title Adv't	17.00
Interest	2,029.88

\$457,605.35

Miscellaneous Receipts

Dewey's Market, License	\$400.00
Village Package Store, License	400.00
Joseph Foley, Juvenile Restitution	28.13
Concord District Court, Fines	304.65
Harlan E. Tuttle, Dog Licenses	1,368.60
Harlan E. Tuttle, C't'y Retirement	20.25
Harlan E. Tuttle, St. Listings	20.50
Acton High School Fund, Cafeteria	13,214.48
Acton High School Fund, Athletic ..	1,207.01
Acton High School Fund, Miscell's	3.86
Acton High School Fund, Telephone	54.35
Acton High School Fund, Breakage	17.43
Acton High School Fund, Tuition	3.10
Town of Acton, County Retirement	4,691.81
Town of Acton, Withholding Taxes	32,921.25
Town of Acton, Teacher's Retirement	7,719.28
Town of Acton, Blue Cross	3,055.35
Town of Acton, Machinery Account	8,111.29
H. S. MacGregor, Permits	145.50
Board of Selectmen, Licenses	213.50
Board of Selectmen, Miscellaneous	16.50
Board of Selectmen, Wire Inspector	422.50
Board of Selectmen, Special Fee	5.00

Board of Selectmen, Cruiser Damage	350.00
South Acton Fire Co. Blue Cross ..	709.25
Town of Westford, Tuition	939.60
Town of Weston, Old Age Assistance	136.37
Town of Harvard, Old Age Assistance	254.60
City of Waltham, Old Age Assistance	68.68
Director of Standards, Licenses	30.00
Roland Livermore, Rent of Hall	506.50
Carl W. Flint, Care of Dogs	6.00
Fred Kennedy, Burials	1,035.00
Fred Kennedy, Lowering Device	111.00
Fred Kennedy, Sale of Lots	220.00
Fred Kennedy, Liners Installed	85.00
Fred Kennedy, Chapel Fee	70.00
Fred Kennedy, Miscellaneous	72.00
Fred Kennedy, Foundations	34.05
Ethel Davis, Collector's Account	9.40
Mary Lothrop, Library Fines	102.70
Mary Lothrop, Miscellaneous	9.48
Marian L. Piper, Library Fines	171.98
Marian L. Piper, Miscellaneous	2.03
Board of Trustees, Memorial Library, Lila H. and Newell Taintor Fund	13,606.54
City of Melrose, Veterans' Services ..	29.75
Board of Health, Licenses-Permits ..	255.00
Board of Health, Nurse Services ..	438.00
Board of Health, Plumbing Permits ..	594.00
Board of Health, Cesspools-Tanks ..	437.00
Board of Health, Milk Licenses	33.50
Chief of Police, Bicycle Permits	47.25
Chief of Police, Revolver Permits ..	27.50
Board of Appeals, Guar. Deposits ..	50.00
Chester Robbins, Ins. Premiums	81.35
Town of Boxboro, Reg. School Board	6.00
Town of Boxboro, Tuition	8,672.04

Planning Board, Miscellaneous	60.00
City of Medford, Old Age Assistance	71.45
Eastern States Farmers', Moth Department	4.83
B & M Railroad, Snow Removal	162.50
Concord District Court, Restitution	128.13
South Fire Co., Firemen's Relief Fund	90.00
Center Fire Co., Firemen's Relief Fund	80.00
West Fire Co., Firemen's Relief Fund	95.00
Nagog Reg. School District Appropriation Refund	13,019.57
Greenough Bros., Contract Deposit	500.00
Est. Elsie Watkins, Old Age Assistance	371.48
Clinton Trust Co., Drainage Notes	15,000.00
City of Cambridge, Old Age Assistance	289.74
Town of Arlington, Old Age Assistance	63.38
Corp's Eng's U. S. A., Flood Damage	1,000.00
Town of Concord, Land Water Tax	29.91
Town of Concord, Old Age Assistance	40.41
Revolut'y Ridge Co., Tuttle Drive ..	350.00
A. Perry Marble, Sealer Weights ..	149.10

\$135,051.41

Perpetual Care — Mt. Hope Cemetery

Ida Harris	\$500.00
Freda Prentiss	150.00
Rev. Arthur Jeffries	100.00
Edgar Hall	200.00
Ella Whitcomb	100.00
Est. Frank Knowlton	1,000.00

Eva Foskett	100.00
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\$2,150.00

Perpetual Care — Woodlawn Cemetery

Walter Perreault	\$150.00
Hazel Cook	150.00
Richard Deane	200.00
Estate Robert I. Davis	1,000.00
Ida Harris	175.00
Elizabeth White	50.00
Arthur Compton	200.00

\$1,925.00

Transfers to Town Account

Elizabeth White Fund	\$890.00
Georgia E. Whitney Fund	525.00
Acton Memorial Library	200.00
Cemetery Fund	500.00
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	1,000.00
Stabilization Fund	15,000.00
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	50.00
Henry S. Raymond Fund	100.00
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	3.00
Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund	25.00
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	25.00

\$18,318.00

Trust Fund Income

Betsey M. Ball Fund	\$310.58
Frank C. Hayward Fund	27.50
Hoit and Scott Fund	12.50
Elizabeth White Fund	769.20
Memorial Library Fund	370.39
Stabilization Fund	352.08
Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund	2,454.63
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	281.26
Georgia E. Whitney Fund	413.26

Cemetery Fund	1,875.17	
Acton Firemen's Relief Fund	171.10	
Henry S. Raymond Fund	65.12	
Acton High School Library Fund ..	37.50	
Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund	43.12	
Henry S. Raymond Fund, Monu- ment	21.00	
Memorial Library, Taintor Fund	141.67	
Dr. Robert I. Davis Fund	5.83	
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		\$7,351.91
Total Receipts for 1955		\$830,727.05
Cash Balance January 1, 1955		221,616.23
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		\$1,052,343.28
Paid Selectmen's Orders for 1955		835,778.90
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Cash Balance December 31, 1955		\$216,564.38

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS

December 31, 1955

High School Addition Notes, 175- 176 due 1956 to 1957	\$2,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, Chapter 44, General Laws, 16 to 90 due 1956 to 1970	75,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, Chapter 645, Acts 1948, 31 to 200 due 1956 to 1972	170,000.00
Blanchard Auditorium and Gym- nasium Notes, Chapter 645, Acts 1948, 224 to 283, due 1956 to 1958	60,000.00
Surface-Drainage, Mohawk and Seneca Road Notes, Chapter 44-645, Acts 1948, 284 to 286, due 1956 to 1958	15,000.00

Acton High School Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$1,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	85.97	
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		\$1,585.97
Received Interest for 1955		39.69
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		\$1,625.66

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$1,625.66
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Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$5,475.00	
Unexpended Balance	1,016.60	
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		\$6,491.60
Received to Fund in 1955:		
Company Salaries	\$265.00	
Interest	204.50	
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		\$469.50
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		\$6,961.10

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	6,958.10
Paid Trustee's Order for 1955	\$3.00
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	\$6,961.10

Betsey M. Ball Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$10,095.26	
Unexpended Balance	1,249.15	
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		\$11,344.41
Received Interest for 1955		345.36
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		\$11,689.77

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks ..	\$11,689.77
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Cemetery Surplus

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$221.32
Received Interest for 1955	6.11

\$227.43

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$227.43
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Cemetery Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$63,922.21
Unexpended Balance	6,234.03

\$70,156.24

Received for Perpetual Care	\$2,075.00
Received Interest for 1955	2,031.50

4,106.50

\$74,262.74

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$66,162.74
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G	7,600.00
Transfer to Town Account	500.00

\$74,262.74

Dr. Robert I. Davis Fund

Principal Fund, July 1, 1955	\$1,000.00
Received Interest for 1955	5.83

\$1,005.83

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$1,005.83
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Elizabeth White Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$25,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	2,127.26	
	<hr/>	\$27,127.26
Received Interest for 1955		775.50
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		\$27,902.76

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$27,012.76	
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1955	890.00	
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		\$27,902.76

Georgia E. Whitney Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$14,073.70	
Unexpended Balance	558.93	
	<hr/>	\$14,632.63
Received Interest for 1955		469.71
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		\$15,102.34

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$14,577.34	
Paid Trustee's Orders for 1955	525.00	
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		\$15,102.34

Georgia E. Whitney Cemetery Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$1,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	191.18	
	<hr/>	\$1,691.18
Received Interest for 1955		48.18
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		\$1,739.36

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$1,689.36
Transfer to Town Account	50.00
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	\$1,739.36

Frank C. Hayward Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$1,000.00
Unexpended Balance	160.93
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	\$1,160.93
Received Interest for 1955	32.03
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	\$1,192.96

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$1,192.96
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Hoit and Scott Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$500.00
Unexpended Balance	79.84
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	\$579.84
Received Interest for 1955	14.74
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	\$594.58

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$94.58
U. S. Savings Bond, Series D	500.00
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	\$594.58

Frank Knowlton Cemetery Fund

Principal Fund, November 1955	\$1,000.00
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Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$1,000.00
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Luke Blanchard Cemetery Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$1,579.02	
Received Interest for 1955	43.61	
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		\$1,622.63

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$1,597.63
Transfer to Town Account		25.00
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		\$1,622.63

Henry S. Raymond Fund Monument Perpetual Care

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$700.00	
Unexpended Balance	157.80	
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		\$857.80
Received Interest for 1955		25.86
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		\$883.66

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$883.66
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Henry S. Raymond Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$2,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	307.62	
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		\$2,307.62
Received Interest for 1955		65.12
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		\$2,372.74

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$2,272.74
Transfer to Town Account		100.00
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		\$2,372.74

Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund

Balance January 1, 1955		
Principal Fund	\$82,238.95	
Unexpended Balance	4,474.97	
	<hr/>	\$86,713.92
Received Interest for 1955		2,601.46
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		\$89,315.38
Balance December 31, 1955		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks ..		\$88,315.38
Transfer to Town Account		1,000.00
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		\$89,315.38

J. Roland Wetherbee Fund

Balance January 1, 1955		
Principal Fund	\$10,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	655.56	
	<hr/>	\$10,655.56
Received Interest for 1955		299.86
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		\$10,955.42
Balance December 31, 1955		
Bank Balances in Savings Banks		\$10,930.42
Transfer to Town Account		25.00
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		\$10,955.42

Wilde Memorial Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1955		
Principal Fund	\$17,808.66	
Unexpended Balance	489.49	
	<hr/>	\$18,298.15
Received Interest in 1955	\$670.32	
Bequest, Lila H. and Newell B. Taintor	13,606.54	
	<hr/>	\$14,276.86
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		\$32,575.01

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balances in Savings Banks	\$31,375.01
West Shore R. R. Bond	1,000.00
Transfer to Town Account	200.00
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	\$32,575.01

West Acton Firemen's Relief Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$834.21
Received Interest for 1955	26.26
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	\$860.47

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$860.47
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Stabilization Fund

Balance January 1, 1955

Principal Fund	\$10,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	81.26	
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Received Interest for 1955	\$356.27	
Town of Acton	5,000.00	
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		\$15,437.53

Balance December 31, 1955

Bank Balance in Savings Bank	\$437.53
Transfer to Town Account	15,000.00
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	\$15,437.53

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HENRY SOAR,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT



TOWN ACCOUNTANT — Donald Nylander.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The accompanying report covers the financial transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 1955 and consists of the following.

- I. Summary of Appropriations, Transfers, Expenditures and unexpended balances.
- II. Schedule of Receipts and Departmental Payments.
- III. Balance Sheet.

The 1956 amortization requirements for the bonded indebtedness of the town, and Acton's share of the Regional School District are:

High School Addition	\$1,000.00
Elementary School	15,000.00
Blanchard Auditorium- Gymnasium	20,000.00
Mohawk and Seneca Road Bet- terment Notes	5,000.00
Regional School District	24,700.00
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	\$65,700.00

I have verified the accounts of the Treasurer, Collector, and Manager of the School Cafeteria; and have checked the various funds in the custody of the Treasurer and Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD O. NYLANDER,
Town Accountant.

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Appropriated	Expended	Balance
Selectmen's Dept. Salaries and Wages	\$4,091.00	\$4,098.96	—
R 7.96			
Selectmen's Dept. Expenses	300.00	228.69	71.31
Finance Committee	50.00		
R 26.80		76.80	—
Moderator	55.00		
R 20.00		75.00	—
Treasurer, Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	—
Treasurer, Expense	350.00	349.46	.54
Assessors, Salaries	4,100.00		
R 400.00		4,417.05	82.95
Assessors, Expense	400.00	318.56	81.44
Collector, Salary	1,900.00	1,900.00	—
Collector, Expense	500.00		
R 100.00		593.41	6.59
Accountant, Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	—
Accountant, Expense	150.00	147.25	2.75
Town Clerk, Salary	1,000.00	985.00	15.00
Town Clerk, Expense	350.00	159.95	190.05
Elections and Registration Salaries and Wages	1,116.00		
R 400.00		1,516.00	—
Elections and Registrations Ex- pense	700.00	590.45	109.55
State Census .....B	700.00	698.45	1.55
Planning Board Expense	200.00	170.26	29.74
Planning Board, Service Fees	300.00	164.10	135.90
Planning Board, Guarantee De- posits .....B	20.00		
D 50.00		40.00	30.00

Board of Appeals, Expense	100.00	14.50	85.50
Board of Appeals, Guarantee De-			
posits	B 17.00		
	D 50.00	40.50	26.50

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds, Salaries			
and Wages	3,150.00	2,637.51	512.49
Buildings and Grounds, Expense	3,875.00	2,919.01	955.99
Oil Burner, Town Hall, Article 28	400.00		
	R 25.00	425.00	—
Office, Town Hall, Article 32	700.00	690.71	9.29

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept. Salaries and Wages	19,236.00	19,232.88	3.12
Police Dept. Expense	4,225.00		
	R 850.00	5,053.03	21.97
Police Dept. New Cruiser	2,000.00	1,980.00	20.00
Police Dept. Radio	600.00	548.16	51.84
Fire Dept. Salaries and Wages ..	8,760.00	6,450.90	2,309.10
Fire Dept. Expense	5,430.00	5,343.50	86.50
Fire Alarm System, Labor	3,820.00	3,563.85	256.15
Fire Alarm System, Expense	1,050.00	565.36	484.64
Fire Hydrant Rental	10,000.00		
	R 80.00	10,080.00	—
Acton Water District, Hosmer			
Street, Article 30	200.00	200.00	—
Fire Alarm System Extension,			
Art. 19	500.00	480.00	20.00
Fire Dept. New Truck, Article 18	15,000.00	15,000.00	—
West Acton Fire Station, Oil			
Burner	350.00	325.00	25.00
Fire Companies Insurance, Art. 29	375.00	368.81	6.19
Moth Dept. Wages	1,000.00	999.00	1.00
Moth Dept. Expense	1,000.00	996.33	3.67
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00		
	B 364.00		
	R 200.00	1,562.20	1.80
Poison Ivy Control, Art. 14	1,000.00	996.55	3.45
Tree Dept. Wages	2,000.00	1,999.07	.93
Tree Dept. Expense	1,200.00		
	R 2.39	1,202.39	—
Replacement of Shade Trees, Art.			
13	250.00	247.75	2.25
Sealer of Weights and Measures,			
Salary	250.00	250.00	—

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expense	50.00	40.32	9.68
Wire Inspector, Salary and Travel	750.00	750.00	—
Wire Inspector, Expense	100.00	97.99	2.01
Dog Officer	350.00	300.12	49.88

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salaries			
Board Members	50.00	50.00	—
Town Nurse	3,100.00		
R	20.00	3,120.00	—
Substitute Nurse	300.00		
R	145.00	380.00	65.00
Agent	350.00		
R	145.13	495.13	—
Milk and Food Inspector	150.00	150.00	—
Dump	3,500.00		
R	275.00	3,775.00	—
Clerical Wages	2,340.00	2,339.71	.29
Board of Health, Expense			
Board Members	800.00	741.57	58.43
Nurse	840.00	840.00	
Agent	300.00	149.84	150.16
Dump	800.00	671.75	128.25
Medical Supplies	150.00	135.00	15.00
State Sanatorium	500.00	393.00	107.00
Clinic	300.00		
R	400.00	565.00	135.00
Garbage Collections	7,400.00	7,400.00	—
Inspector of Animals, Salary	150.00	150.00	—
Inspector of Animals, Expense ..	25.00	25.00	—
Plumbing Inspector	1,000.00	768.00	232.00

HIGHWAYS

Village Highways	3,000.00		
R	1,517.28	4,517.28	—
Chapter 81	8,550.00		
G	15,675.00	24,218.03	6.97
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,500.00		
G	3,000.00	4,470.61	29.39
Chapter 90, Construction	4,500.00		
G	13,500.00		
B	13,209.40	22,802.19	8,407.21
Road Machinery	2,700.00	2,699.70	.30
Snow Removal	13,000.00	10,806.86	2,193.14
Highway Dept. Vacations	700.00	384.00	316.00

Highway Culverts (Art. 11, 1951)	B	4,000.00	—	4,000.00
Signs and Lines		500.00	485.01	14.99
Street Lighting		6,618.60		
	R	85.38	6,703.98	—
Mohawk Drive — Seneca Road Betterment		5,000.00		
	N	15,000.00	19,172.85	827.15
Road Sweeper		700.00	700.00	

CHARITIES

General Relief		3,000.00	1,771.22	1,228.78
Welfare District		1,800.00		
	G	275.00	2,075.00	—
Old Age Assistance		41,000.00		
	B	16,959.52		
	G	22,881.41		
	L	250.09	60,638.23	20,452.79
Aid to Dependent Children		5,000.00		
	B	1,765.29		
	G	4,040.38	9,441.69	1,363.98
Disability Assistance		3,000.00		
	B	2,566.76		
	G	1,415.04	3,185.52	3,796.28

VETERAN'S AID

Agent's Salary		200.00	200.00	—
Agent's Expense		250.00	217.76	32.24
Aid Expenditures		8,000.00	7,552.60	447.40
Veterans Services, Salaries		900.00	750.00	150.00
Veterans Services, Expense		50.00	17.00	33.00

EDUCATION

Instruction		159,133.35	154,239.50	4,893.85
General Control		11,925.00	9,622.22	2,302.78
Textbooks and Supplies		8,780.70	8,493.05	287.65
Plant Operation		27,275.00	26,066.90	1,208.10
Maintenance		3,740.00	3,553.98	186.02
Auxiliary Agencies		18,325.00	17,242.47	1,082.53
Outlay		2,299.15	1,877.77	421.38
Contingency Fund		700.00	97.00	603.00
Blanchard Auditorium, Maintenance		11,120.00	6,727.71	4,392.29
School Cafeteria	B	2,402.18		
	C	13,214.48	14,126.67	1,489.99

Athletics	1,000.00		
B	362.54		
C	1,210.87	1,760.55	812.86
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	2,000.00	1,526.35	473.65
Elementary School Building ....B	1,529.33	800.00	729.33
Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium	39,001.85		
B	2,200.00	41,137.56	64.29
Acton-Boxborough Regional School Planning Committee	500.00	120.00	380.00
Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee	2,850.00	2,850.00	—
Center School Cesspool, Art. 7	1,000.00	—	1,000.00
Addition to Elementary School Committee	700.00	—	700.00
High School Rehabilitation	3,000.00		
B	12,689.00	12,714.35	2,974.65
High School Building Committee			
B	7,000.00	100.25	6,899.75

LIBRARIES

Salaries and Wages	3,000.00	2,965.13	34.87
Expense	1,435.00	1,218.08	216.92
Books	660.00		
B	46.74		
T	200.00	904.47	2.27
Memorial Library Repairs, Art. 24	835.00	773.40	61.60

CEMETERIES

Salaries and Wages	10,000.00	9,974.03	25.97
Expense	2,500.00	2,485.97	14.03
Mt. Hope Oiling	500.00	—	500.00
Mt. Hope Clearing and Grading B	58.00	58.00	—
Woodlawn Clearing and Grading			
B	231.03	162.53	68.50
Perpetual Care	B 363.32		
T	500.00	702.15	161.17
Hosmer Fund	B 511.47		
T	1,000.00	1,504.64	6.83
Luke Blanchard Fund	T 25.00	25.00	—
J. Roland Wetherbee Fund	B 50.78		
T	25.00	48.19	27.59
Raymond Fund	B 17.28		
T	100.00	80.90	36.38
Georgia Whitney Fund	B 26.07		
T	50.00	30.00	46.07

RECREATION

Playgrounds	1,500.00	958.60	541.40
Playgrounds, Expense	150.00	—	150.00
Water Safety	500.00	—	500.00
Pony League Baseball	300.00	—	300.00

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST

Maturing Debt	36,000.00	36,000.00	—
Interest	6,845.00	6,845.00	—

UNCLASSIFIED

Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000.00	963.48	36.52
Town Counsel	500.00	500.00	—
Town Reports	1,700.00	1,566.88	133.12
Surety Bonds	600.00	594.00	6.00
Workmen's Compensation	2,000.00	1,808.34	191.66
Boiler and Machinery Insurance..	600.00	584.70	15.30
Town Building Insurance	1,100.00	740.70	359.30
Officer and Employee Insurance....	1,200.00		
R	28.93	1,228.93	—
Memorial Day	600.00	538.90	61.10
Surface Drainage	3,500.00		
B	3,507.25	2,866.50	4,140.75
Unpaid Bills, 1954, Art. 31	50.00	50.00	—
Civil Defense	871.74	360.93	510.81
Town Forest, Cutting Brush	100.00		
B	167.82		
R	.28	268.10	—
Town Forest Committee	420.00	—	420.00
Pension and Military Service			
Funds	3,062.54	3,062.54	—
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	—
Sub-Total of Cash Expendi- tures	<u>\$786,542.13</u>	<u>\$697,174.78</u>	<u>\$89,367.35</u>

NO APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Withholding Taxes	33,032.35
Massachusetts Hospital Service ..	3,686.10
Middlesex County Retirement	4,614.67
Massachusetts Teachers Retire- ment	7,712.20
Middlesex County Dog Licenses..	1,368.00
Middlesex County Tax	12,355.54
Middlesex County Hospital As- sessment	3,351.46
State Audit	1,397.70
State Parks	605.16

Gypsy Brown Tail Moth Control..	791.83
Refunds on Taxes	4,210.11
Trust Funds	17,946.54
Interest on Trust Funds	7,351.91
Trust Fund Expenditures	1,418.00
Flood Emergency	E 36,712.55
Contract Deposit	500.00
Police Cruiser	E 1,550.00
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Total Cash Expenditures	<u><u>\$835,778.90</u></u>

KEY

B—Balance from previous year
C—Cash receipts
D—Guarantee deposits
E—Emergency expenditures authorized under Section 31 of Chapter 44, General Laws
G—Grants
L—Lien recoveries
N—Issue of notes for Mohawk and Seneca Road Betterments
R—Reserve Fund
T—Trust Fund transfers

CASH RECEIPTS AND DEPARTMENTAL DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Receipts

Cash Balance, January 1, 1955	\$221,616.23
Treasurer's Itemized Report	830,727.05
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Total Cash	<u><u>\$1,052,343.28</u></u>

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Salaries and Wages:

Leo C. Cunningham	\$383.33
Frederick W. Abbt	300.00

Charles D. MacPherson	83.33
Carl A. Christofferson	191.67
Virginia Milbery, clerk	3,121.88
Clerical Assistance	18.75

\$4,098.96

Expense:

Postage	\$46.00
Stationery	97.50
Association Dues and Meetings	75.19
1955 Laws	5.00
Sundry	5.00

\$228.69

Finance Committee

Association Dues and Meetings	\$33.66
File Cabinet	43.14

\$76.80

Moderator

Albert P. Durkee	\$75.00
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Treasurer

Salary:

William Henry Soar	\$1,200.00
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Expense:

Postage	\$125.94
Telephone	22.82
Stationery and Printing	173.70
Stenographic Services	9.00
Sundry	18.00

\$349.46

Assessors

Salaries and Wages:

Albert P. Durkee	\$2,500.00
Carl C. Flint	800.00

James A. Baker	800.00
Marian Baker, clerk	317.05

\$4,417.05

Expense:

Forms and Printing	\$184.68
Transfers and Probates	90.88
Association Dues and Meetings	19.00
Banker and Tradesman sub- scription	24.00

\$318.56

Collector of Taxes

Salary:

Charles M. MacRae	\$1,900.00
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Expense:

Books and Printing	\$184.99
Postage	359.64
Association Dues	2.00
Land Takings	36.78
Deputy Bond	10.00

\$593.41

Town Accountant

Salary:

Donald O. Nylander	\$1,200.00
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Expense:

Books, Supplies and Printing ..	\$90.15
Stenographic Services	21.85
Association Dues and Meetings ..	14.25
Sundry	21.00

\$147.25

Town Clerk

Salaries and Fees:

Harlan E. Tuttle	\$600.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, recording vital statistics	225.00
Gertrude P. Tuttle, clerk	160.00

\$985.00

Expense:

Stationery and Printing	\$59.30
Association Dues	7.50
Telephone	50.00
Postage	28.80
Sundry	14.35

\$159.95

Elections and Registrations

Salaries and Wages:

Julia A. Barry	\$250.00
Grace C. Cullinane	250.00
James B. Wilson	250.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, clerk	150.00
Payrolls, elections and meet- ings	525.00
Posting warrants and notify- ing officers elected	55.00
Other wages	36.00

\$1,516.00

Expense:

Printing warrants, voting lists, books and ballots	\$530.45
Rentals for voting	60.00

\$590.45

State Census

Julia A. Barry	\$200.00
Grace C. Cullinane	200.00

James B. Wilson	200.00
Harlan E. Tuttle, clerk	85.00
Printing	13.45

\$698.45

Planning Board

Expense	\$170.26
Service Fees	164.10

\$334.36

Board of Appeals

Stationery and supplies	\$14.50
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Buildings and Grounds

Salaries and Wages:

Custodial services	\$1,950.00
Care of grounds	404.87
Payrolls — Highway Dept.	282.64

\$2,637.51

Expense:

Heat	\$792.02
Light	533.60
Telephone	471.19
Maintenance supplies	295.22
Highway Department	158.52
Building maintenance	545.46
Sundry	123.00

\$2,919.01

Office — Town Hall

Frank E. Balsor	\$218.00
Materials	366.12
Lights	106.59

\$690.71

Oil Burner — Town Hall

Baker Oil Co.	\$425.00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Salaries and Wages:

Michael Foley, Chief	\$4,420.00
Regular officers	14,626.00
Special officers	70.63
Vesta Thompson, clerk	116.25

\$19,232.88

Expense:

Police Cruisers:

Gas and Oil	\$1,872.37
Repairs	929.71
Damage to Ford	794.83
Insurance	27.66
Radio Service	158.40

\$3,782.97

Other:

Telephone	\$438.63
Association dues and meetings	20.00
Uniforms and equipment	342.36
Stationery and Printing	376.21
Bicycle Registration	32.31
Sundry	60.55

\$1,270.06

Cruisers

Ayer Motor Sales	\$1,980.00
Great Road Garage	1,550.00

Radio

Motorola, Inc.	\$548.16
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Fire Department

Salaries and Wages:

H. S. MacGregor, Chief	\$550.00
Annual salaries	755.00
Fire payrolls	4,425.90
Janitor payrolls	720.00

\$6,450.90

Expense:

Fuel	\$885.19
Lights	215.62
Telephone	755.01
Gas and Oil	214.27
Association Dues, Meetings and Chief's Expense	719.20
Repairs and parts for equip- ment	1,434.04
Protective clothing and equip- ment	928.42
Maintenance supplies	121.54
Sundry	70.21

\$5,343.50

Fire Alarm System — Maintenance

F. W. Rimbach	\$3,120.00
Other services	443.85
Expense..	565.36

\$4,129.21

Fire Hydrant Rental

Acton Water District	\$9,850.00
Town of Concord	230.00

\$10,080.00

Article 19 — Fire Alarm System Extension

Louis W. Bills	\$480.00
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Article 30 — Water Main Extension

Acton Water District	\$200.00
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Article 18 — New Pumper

Farrar Company	\$15,000.00
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Oil Burner — West Acton Station

Bursaw Gas and Oil Co.	\$325.00
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Moth Department

Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt.	\$369.90
Payrolls	629.10

\$999.00

Expense:

Truck	\$304.00
Equipment repairs	68.78
Gas and Oil	76.65
Maintenance and Supplies	91.75
Rentals of Equipment	330.00
Insecticide	121.90
Sundry	3.25

\$996.33

Tree Department

Wages:

Franklin Charter, Supt.	\$704.70
Payrolls	1,294.37

\$1,999.07

Expense:

Truck	\$603.00
Equipment repairs	137.98
Equipment rental	331.00
Gas and Oil	8.00
Hardware	61.41
Sundry	61.00

\$1,202.39

Dutch Elm Disease

Payrolls	\$607.90	
Equipment rental	954.30	
	<hr/>	\$1,562.20

Poison Ivy Control

Charter Tree Service	\$996.55
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Shade Trees

Sudbury Nurseries	\$204.50	
New England Nurseries	43.25	
	<hr/>	\$247.75

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Salary:

A. Perry Marble	\$250.00
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Expense:

Books, Seals, etc.	\$40.32
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Wire Inspector

Salary and Travel:

Kenneth L. Duffy	\$750.00
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Expense:

Office Supplies and Telephone ..	\$97.99
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Dog Officer

Carl W. Flint	\$53.12	
Destroying 38 dogs	247.00	
	<hr/>	\$300.12

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Salaries and Wages:

Dr. Orma L. Clark, Chairman ..	\$25.00
Herbert Leusher	15.00
Martin Duggan	10.00

Eileen Hale, Town Nurse	3,120.00
Hazel Vose, Substitute Nurse	380.00
Dorothy Turner	560.00
Margaret Heath	1,154.08
Vesta Thompson, clerk	625.63
Town Dump payroll	3,775.00
Edward J. Higgins, Agent	12.00
Herbert Leusher, Assistant Agent	483.13
Bradford S. Leach, Inspector ..	150.00

\$10,309.84

Expense:

Board	\$741.57
Nurse	840.00
Agent	149.84
Dump	671.75
State Sanatorium	393.00
Medical Supplies	135.00
Clinic	565.00

\$3,496.16

Garbage Disposal

Henry M. Anderson, Contract	\$7,400.00
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Inspector of Animals

Salary:

Arno H. Perkins	\$150.00
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Expense:

Sundry	\$25.00
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Plumbing Inspector

Joseph G. Perry	\$444.50
W. F. Osbeck	323.50

\$768.00

HIGHWAYS

Village

Wages:

Superintendent	\$895.14
Payrolls	2,145.54

Expense:

Trucks	306.24
Cold Patch	62.98
Tools and Hardware	464.38
Parts and Repairs	359.42
Engineering Services	105.00
Sundry	178.58

\$4,517.28

Chapter 81

Wages:

Superintendent	\$1,986.30
Payrolls	9,163.43

Expense:

Rental of Equipment	7,133.84
Cold Patch and Asphalt	2,894.45
Stone, Sand and Gravel	1,349.96
Calcium Chloride	147.00
Catchbasins and Culverts	1,432.45
Brushkiller	110.60

\$24,218.03

Chapter 90 — Construction

Wages:

Superintendent	\$941.52
Payrolls	3,210.64

Expense:

Rental of Equipment	11,173.63
Cold Patch and Asphalt	5,662.01

Stone, Sand and Gravel	1,113.96
Catch Basins and Culverts	700.43

\$22,802.19

Maintenance

Wages:

Superintendent	\$74.38
Payrolls	444.93

Expense:

Rental of Equipment	845.32
Cold Patch and Asphalt	3,039.33
Sand and Gravel	66.65

\$4,470.61

Road Machinery

Gas and Oil	\$1,214.91
Parts and Repairs on Equip- ment	1,484.79

\$2,699.70

Snow Removal

Wages:

Superintendent	\$1,048.27
Payrolls	3,179.15

Expense:

Tractor and Trucks	966.89
Sander	1,044.25
Plow	877.50
Sand	1,529.88
Salt	1,048.62
Gas and Oil	659.98
Parts and Repairs on Equip- ment	302.32
Forecast Service	150.00

\$10,806.86

Highway Department Vacations

Payrolls	\$384.00
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Mohawk Drive — Seneca Road Betterment

Greenough Brothers — Contractor	\$16,861.30
Howard Snelling — Engineering Services	1,836.00
Nashoba Drafting Associates — Prints	19.95
Ideal Concrete Block Co. — Catch Basins	442.10
Lowell Sun — Advertising for Bids	13.50
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	\$19,172.85

Signs and Lines

Signs	\$197.45
Paint	26.80
Hardware	26.06
Painting Lines	234.70
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	\$485.01

Street Lighting

Boston Edison Company	\$6,703.98
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Road Sweeper

Files Equipment Co	\$700.00
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CHARITIES

Public Welfare

General Relief:

Aid to Individuals	\$1,771.22
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Administration

Nashoba Public Welfare District	\$1,800.00	
Acton Welfare Board Salaries:		
Walter B. Stevens	125.00	
Lossie Laird	75.00	
A. Perry Marble	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,075.00

Old Age Assistance

Town Funds:		
Aid to Individuals	\$41,000.00	
Federal Grant:		
Aid to Individuals	19,638.23	
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Aid to Dependent Children

Town Funds:		
Aid to Individuals	\$5,000.00	
Federal Grant:		
Aid to Individuals	4,441.69	
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Disability Assistance

Town Funds:		
Aid to Individuals	\$3,000.00	
Federal Grant:		
Aid to Individuals	185.52	
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VETERANS' AID

Veterans' Benefits

Salary:		
Carl W. Flint, Agent	\$100.00	
Benjamin F. Rice, Agent	100.00	
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Administrative:

Travel Expense, Postage and Telephone	\$217.76
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Aid to Veterans' and Veterans' Dependents	\$7,552.60
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Veterans' Services

Salaries and Wages:

Theron A. Lowden, Director ..	\$735.00	
Geraldine Prentiss, Clerk	15.00	
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		\$750.00

Expense:

Postage	\$17.00
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EDUCATION

Instruction	\$154,239.50	
General Control	9,622.22	
Textbooks and Supplies	8,493.05	
Plant Operation	26,066.90	
Maintenance	3,553.98	
Auxiliary Agencies	17,242.47	
Outlay	1,877.77	
Contingency	97.00	
	<hr/>	\$221,192.89

Blanchard Auditorium Maintenance	6,727.71
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School Cafeteria	14,126.67
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Athletics	1,760.55
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Vocational Tuition and Transportation	1,526.35
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Elementary School Building	800.00
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Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium Building	41,137.56
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High School Building Committee	100.25
Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Planning Committee	120.00
Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee	2,850.00
High School Rehabilitation	\$12,714.35

LIBRARIES

Salaries and Wages:

Librarians:

Mary H. Lothrop	\$561.00
Marian L. Piper	1,600.73
Ina Milbery	299.20
Assistants	95.70
Custodial Services	408.50

\$2,965.13

Expense:

Heat	\$475.71
Light	172.92
Building Maintenance	347.30
Stationery and Printing	91.83
West Branch	36.45
Insurance	55.22
Sundry	38.65

\$1,218.08

Library Books

Books and Periodicals	\$904.47
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Memorial Library Repairs

Materials	\$135.60
Masonry	400.00
Carpentry	152.80
Redecoration	85.00

\$773.40

CEMETERIES

Wages:

Frederick S. Kennedy, Supt.	\$3,380.00
Payrolls	6,594.03

\$9,974.03

Expense:

Fuel Oil and Heater Service	\$334.53
Lights	45.83
Repairs to Equipment	265.76
Seed, Fertilizer, etc.	205.50
Gas and Oil	38.25
Water	82.89
Hardware, Pipe, Paint, etc.	530.01
Trucking	586.75
Administrative	102.48
Sundry	293.97

\$2,485.97

Mount Hope Clearing and Grading

Assabet Sand and Gravel Co.	\$58.00
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Woodlawn Clearing and Grading

Payrolls	\$37.40
Equipment Rental	88.00
Seed and Fertilizer	37.13

\$162.53

Perpetual Care

Payrolls	\$629.95
Flowers	72.20

\$702.15

Susan Noyes Hosmer Fund

Payrolls	\$863.80
Seed, Loam, etc.	127.07

Tree Work	100.00
Mowers	297.77
Sundry Expense	116.00

\$1,504.64

Other Private Trust Funds

J. Roland Wetherbee	\$48.19
Georgia A. Whitney	30.00
Henry S. Raymond	80.90
Luke Blanchard	25.00

\$184.09

RECREATION

Playgrounds

F. W. Rimbach, Superintendent	\$407.50
Payrolls	244.36
Gas and Oil	48.28
Water	20.00
Seed, Loam, Lime, etc.	16.35
Repairs and Parts for Equipment ..	35.88
Mower	111.50
Baseball Diamond Equipment	37.16
Sundry	37.57

\$958.60

UNCLASSIFIED

Annotated Law Library	\$120.32
Monument and Memorial Repairs ..	247.00
Perambulating Town Lines	30.00
Miscellaneous Flood Expense	109.05
Delivering Town Meeting Warrants	58.50
Legal Ads and Miscellaneous Legal Services	153.31

Otis Mott Centennial	17.75	
Sundry	227.55	
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		\$963.48

Town Counsel

John Sheehan		\$500.00
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Town Reports

The Concord Press	\$1,532.40	
Sundry	34.48	
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		\$1,566.88

Civil Defense

Communication Equipment and Service	\$117.36	
Administrative Expense	180.19	
Sundry	63.38	
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		\$360.93

Surety Bonds

Collector	\$361.50	
Treasurer	225.00	
Town Clerk	7.50	
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		\$594.00

Insurance

Workmens Compensation	\$1,808.34	
Town Buildings	740.70	
Officer and Employee	1,228.93	
Fire Companies	368.81	
Boiler and Machinery	584.70	
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		\$4,731.48

Memorial Day

23rd Infantry Band	\$225.00
182nd Infantry, National Guard	25.00
Flowers and Wreaths	157.40
Flags	64.80
Parade Notice	8.00
Transportation Expense	20.00
Refreshments	38.70

\$538.90

Surface Drainage

Howard Snelling	\$2,866.50
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Town Forest Cutting Brush

Payrolls	\$268.10
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Pension and Military Service Funds

Middlesex County Retirement Sys- tem	\$3,062.54
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Maturing Debt and Interest

High School Addition	\$1,000.00
Elementary School	15,000.00
Blanchard Auditorium	20,000.00
Interest	6,845.00

\$42,845.00

Unpaid Bills — 1954

Storey, Thorndike, Palmer and Dodge	\$50.00
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Stabilization Fund

Cambridge Savings Bank	\$2,500.00
Cambridgeport Savings Bank	2,500.00

\$5,000.00

No Appropriation Accounts

Withholding Taxes	\$33,032.35
Massachusetts Hospital Service	3,686.10
Middlesex County Retirement	4,614.67
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	7,712.20
Middlesex County Dog Licenses	1,368.00
Middlesex County Tax	12,355.54
Middlesex County Hospital Assessment	3,351.46
State Audit	1,397.70
State Parks	605.16
Gypsy Brown Tail Moth Control	791.83
Trust Funds	17,946.54
Interest on Trust Funds	7,351.91
Trust Fund Expenditures	1,418.00
Flood Emergency	36,712.55
Refunds on Taxes	4,210.11
Planning Board—Guarantee Deposits	40.00
Board of Appeals—Guarantee Deposits	40.50
Contract Guarantee Deposits	500.00
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Total Expenditures	\$835,778.90
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1955	216,564.38
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	<u>\$1,052,343.28</u>

Reserve Fund Transfers

Assessors' — Salaries	\$400.00
Elections and Registrations — Salaries	400.00
Board of Health:	
Clinic	400.00
Agent Salary	145.13
Town Nurse Salary	20.00
Substitute Nurse	145.00
Dump Salaries	275.00
Officer and Employee Insurance	28.93
Village Highways	1,517.28
Oil Burner — Town Hall	25.00
Hydrant Rental	80.00
Collector — Expense	100.00
Moderator	20.00
Finance Committee	26.80
Police Department — Expense	850.00
Tree Department — Expense	2.39
Dutch Elm Disease	200.00
Town Forest Committee — Cutting Brush28
Selectmen — Salaries	7.96
Street Lighting	85.38
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	\$4,729.15
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Road Machinery Fund

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$6,253.32
Received from Rentals	8,111.29
Unexpended Balance — Road Ma- chinery Account30
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	\$14,364.91
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Transferred to Road Machinery Ac- count	\$2,700.00
Balance, December 31, 1955	11,664.61
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	\$14,364.61
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Cemetery Land Fund

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$1,740.35
Received from Sale of Lots	220.00
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Balance, December 31, 1955	\$1,960.35
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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:

General Funds	\$216,564.38	
Petty Cash Funds	70.00	
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		\$216,634.38

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1949		
Real Estate		\$2.82

Levy of 1950		
Real Estate		3.24

Levy of 1951		
Real Estate	\$3.53	
Personal Property	449.17	
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Levy of 1952		
Real Estate	\$3.68	
Personal Property	433.65	
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Levy of 1953		
Real Estate	\$256.97	
Personal Property	422.39	
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Levy of 1954		
Real Estate	\$7,562.93	
Personal Property	1,929.64	
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Levy of 1955		
Real Estate	\$26,179.82	
Personal Property	2,719.91	
Poll	44.00	
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40,011.75

December 31, 1955

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:

Federal Taxes	\$243.50
County Retirement System	596.86
Teachers' Retirement System	7.08
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	308.30

\$1,155.74

Guarantee Deposits:

Board of Appeals	\$26.50
Planning Board	30.00
Revolutionary Ridge Co.	350.00

406.50

Tailings — Unclaimed checks

111.63

Trust Fund Income Transfer Balances:

Cemetery —

Perpetual Care	\$161.17
Susan Noyes Hosmer	6.83
J. Roland Wetherbee	27.59
Henry S. Raymond	36.38
Georgia Whitney	46.07

Library —

Wilde Memorial	2.27
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280.31

Federal Grants:

Administration	\$226.49
Old Age Assistance	20,452.79
Aid to Dependent Children	1,363.98
Disability Assistance	3,796.28

25,839.54

Revolving Funds — School Department:

Lunch	\$1,489.99
Athletics	812.86

2,302.85

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Chapter 90, Construction	\$8,397.74
Highway Culverts	4,000.00
Elementary School Building	729.33
Blanchard Auditorium and Gymnasium	64.29

Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 1954	\$424.48
Levy of 1955	8,531.92
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	8,956.40
Tax Titles	\$358.07
Tax Title Possessions	400.19
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	758.26
Departmental:	
County Dog Officer	\$6.50
School	397.50
Old Age Assistance	811.10
Aid to Dependent Children	1,017.41
Cemetery	219.00
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	2,451.51
Aid to Highways:	
State	17,030.03
Under-estimate, 1955 Assessment:	
County Tax	1,198.54
1956 Revenue	
	7,750.00
Emergency expenditures under	
Chapter 44, Section 31:	
Flood, August 19-20, 1955	\$35,712.55
Police Cruiser	1,550.00
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	37,262.55
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	\$1,332,053.42

Center School Cesspool	1,000.00	
Addition to Elementary School Committee	700.00	
Memorial Library Repairs	61.60	
Mount Hope Cemetery, Oiling Roads	500.00	
Woodlawn Cemetery, Clearing and Grading	68.50	
Surface Drainage	4,140.75	
Civil Defense	510.81	
Town Forest Committee	420.00	
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		20,593.02
Over-estimates — 1955 Assessments:		
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	\$102.32	
County Hospital	458.88	
State Parks and Reservations	82.80	
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		644.00
Cemetery Land Fund		1,960.35
Road Machinery Fund		11,664.91
County Dog Licenses		23.40
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		11,299.48
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1949	\$2.82	
Levy of 1950	3.24	
Levy of 1951	452.70	
Levy of 1952	437.33	
Levy of 1953	679.36	
Levy of 1954	4,350.62	
Levy of 1955	5,890.36	
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		11,816.43
Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$8,956.40	
Tax Title and Possession	758.26	
Departmental	2,451.51	
Aid to Highways	17,030.03	
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		29,196.20
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances		70.00
Surplus Revenue		214,689.06
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		\$1,332,053.42

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$322,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In custody of Town Treasurer	\$278,959.37
In custody of Trustees	3,465.54
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	\$282,424.91

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Inside Debt Limit:

High School	\$2,000.00	
Elementary School	75,000.00	
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		\$77,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:

Elementary School	\$170,000.00	
Blanchard Auditorium	60,000.00	
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		230,000.00

Betterment Notes	15,000.00	
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		\$322,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Charity Funds —

Elizabeth M. White	\$27,012.76
Georgia E. Whitney	14,577.34
Betsy M. Ball	11,689.77

Cemetery Funds —

Henry S. Raymond, Monument	833.66
Henry S. Raymond, Care	2,272.74
Hoit and Scott	594.58
J. Roland Wetherbee	10,930.42
Perpetual Care	73,762.74
Surplus	227.43
Luke Blanchard	1,597.63
Frank C. Hayward	1,192.96
Georgia E. Whitney	1,689.36
Susan Noyes Hosmer	88,315.38
Dr. Robert I. Davis	1,005.83
Frank R. Knowlton	1,000.00
Charlotte Conant School Library	1,625.66
Wilde Memorial Library	32,375.01
Acton Firemen's Relief	6,958.10
West Acton Firemen's Relief	860.47
Stabilization Fund	437.53

\$278,959.37

In Custody of Trustees:

Charlotte Goodnow Fund	3,465.54
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\$282,424.91

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT



LIBRARIAN: Marian Piper.

The Town suffered a great loss in the death of Miss Mary Lothrop in September of 1955. Her faithfulness and loyalty to the Library will never be forgotten by those who knew her, and to live up to her ideals will be a challenge and an inspiration. For the past eleven years Miss Lothrop gave freely of her time and efforts and had successfully brought the standards of the Library to those of a modern and well regulated department of our Town. In July Miss Lothrop sent in her resignation which was accepted with understanding and regret. From January, 1955, until the middle of June, the Library was most efficiently handled by Miss Lothrop. Many of her recommendations were carried through and, as a result, the building has been pointed up, a much needed cat walk installed, as were new lights on the reading table.

In May it was my privilege to be appointed Librarian, and from the teachings of Miss Lothrop and the splendid cooperation of the Trustees, I hope to maintain the Library's present standard of usefulness. Also, I would like to express my appreciation of the fine condition in which I found the stacks, files, records, etc.

The Library is now open five days a week: Tuesday-Saturday inclusive from 1 P. M. - 6 P. M. and 7 P. M. - 9 P. M. The response to the increase in time has been most gratifying.

The Trustees are hopeful of improving the lighting facilities, especially in the alcoves. With this thought in mind an electrical inspection of the building was made and the wiring found to be in good condition. The fixtures are old and as it is difficult to replace certain parts, a modern but architecturally compatible lighting system will be considered.

Plans for greatly increasing the purchase of books in 1956 have been made, thereby insuring a larger choice of reading matter for all age groups.

The Board of Trustees has been most cooperative, and their interest in the Library is ever present. I would like to express my thanks to them and to you, the public, for your kind considerations and courtesies.

MARIAN L. PIPER,
Librarian.

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W. W. Forbes, M. D.	Mrs. M. P. Moore
Frank Garbarino	Edward Schmitz
Frederick Heyliger	Mrs. David Thompson
	Marvin Tolf

Librarians

Marian L. Piper	Memorial Library
Mrs. Ina Milbery	West Branch

Custodian

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Accession —

Number of Volumes in Library January 1, 1955	18,588
Increase by purchase	332
Increase by gift	551

Withdrawn	239
Number of Volumes in Library January 1, 1956	19,232

Circulation —

Fiction	13,726
Non-fiction	3,766
Juvenile	9,111
Total	26,603

Receipts

Fines: \$273.74	Miscellaneous: \$12.86
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The Library extends sincere thanks to the following people who have donated books: Mrs. D. Cameron, Mr. W. Cobleigh, Mrs. F. Collins, Harriet Collins, Julie Custance, Mr. De Mille, Mrs. M. Dick, Mrs. W. Flint, Mrs. L. W. Forbes, Marion Fowler, David Grover, Mrs. Grover, Mrs. S. Hinckley, Patricia McNiff, Mr. Meekin, Mrs. M. P. Moore, Mrs. T. Motley, Mr. H. Murphy, Mrs. North, Mr. and Mrs. S. Olsen, Carolyn Pfeiffer, Eric Poor, Janet Roth, Mrs. Shores, Jean and Lorraine Sweetser, Mr. M. Tolf, Mr. Veenstra, Mrs. Von Meister, E. Warwick, Mrs. J. Woodhead, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN MEMORIAM

MARY HASKELL LOTHROP

1881 - 1955

Served faithfully as Librarian at
Acton Memorial Library for eleven
years.

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the Board of Public Welfare for the year 1955.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: The year opened with 57 recipients in this group and closed with 65. There have been 5 deaths and 13 new applications have been approved.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN: Altogether 9 families with a total of 24 children have been aided in this category during the year.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE: The year opened with 3 cases and closed with 5 disabled persons.

GENERAL RELIEF: The Board has extended aid to several cases within Acton as well as to Acton families living elsewhere.

The following is a detailed analysis of the expenditure for 1955 and the estimated expenditure for 1956:

Old Age Assistance

Amount paid to Acton residents	\$58,811.94	
Amount paid to Acton cases elsewhere	1,826.29	
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		\$60,638.23
Federal participations	\$23,194.38	
State participation	25,009.47	
Receipts from other towns	965.00	
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		\$49,168.85
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Net cost to Town of Acton		\$11,469.38

Aid to Dependent Children

Amount paid to Acton residents		\$9,441.69
Federal participation	\$4,121.88	
State participation	3,173.11	
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		\$7,294.99
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Net cost to Town of Acton		\$2,146.70

Disability Assistance

Amount paid to Acton residents		\$3,185.52
Federal participation	\$1,448.11	
State participation	941.04	
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		\$2,389.15
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Net cost to Town of Acton		\$796.37

General Relief

Maintenance	\$1,551.68	
Hospital	163.54	
Doctors	56.00	
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		\$1,771.22
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Net cost to Town of Acton		\$1,771.22

Administration of Nashoba Public Welfare District

TOTAL COST	\$9,858.15
Net cost to Town of Acton	\$1,800.00

Recoveries from Liens on Property

(O. A. A.)	\$371.48
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Estimated Expenditures for 1956

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	\$41,000.00
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	5,500.00
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE	3,000.00
GENERAL RELIEF	3,000.00
ADMINISTRATION	2,000.00
SALARIES FOR BOARD MEMBERS ..	275.00

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER B. STEVENS, Chairman,
LOSSIE E. LAIRD,
A. PERRY MARBLE.



REPORT OF THE BYLAW COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

We wish to report that we are endeavoring to compile the bylaws of the Town, Acts of the Legislature and specific actions voted at town meetings, for publication as directed.

We have checked town meeting records and find many votes accepting state laws and revisions of the Town Bylaws and also several votes passed at town meeting which should have been rescinded.

Although, as yet, this work has not been completed we are continuing research and will have the bylaws compiled and ready for publication at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FOLEY
ARTHUR W. LEE
FREDERICK S. WHITCOMB
RICHARD A. GALLANT
ALLEN G. MOODY

REPORT OF THE ACTON PLANNING BOARD



PLANNING BOARD: *Back Row:* Frederick Whitcomb — Harold Flood — Richard Gallant.
Front Row: Aubrey Kretschmar — Robert Stow, *Chairman*.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year 1955 the Planning Board conducted public hearings that fell into three categories: proposed Zoning changes, proposed Bylaw changes and proposed subdivisions. The hearings for the latter were held and subdivisions were approved for:

Colonial Acres Development Co.
Revolutionary Ridge Co.
Edward Franzosa
A. Perry Marble
Val Construction Co.

The report for the Planning Board for 1954 outlined the need for a drainage survey. During 1955 a great deal of work has been done on this project by the Planning Board and its engineers. Areas have been surveyed in the order of greatest need and to date West Acton is nearly completed, South Acton is well under way and it is anticipated that Acton Center will be

started in the near future. There is considerable work and expense involved in the over-all picture but recommendations in the form of an Article will be found in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting for the first steps to be taken towards a better all round drainage condition in the Town. Prompt action by the Town is highly desirable because failure to rectify the bad drainage conditions could result in requiring the Town to consider large expenditures for a Municipal Sewage Disposal System.

During 1955 the Planning Board initiated and completed a Population and a School Population Survey for the School Department. These contained graphs and projections to help the School Board determine future needs both for the Regional School and for proposed additions to Elementary Schools. The survey was very instrumental in convincing the School Building Assistance Commission for more and larger school facilities.

A number of roads were passed on during 1955 and recommendations made to the Town for their acceptance. In this connection, a suggested procedure for the naming of streets in new subdivisions was adopted wherein new streets were named for persons who had given so unselfishly of their time and effort for the Town in years past.

The Planning Board has assisted the Selectmen with plans and advice on rebuilding Mohawk Drive and Seneca Road under the Betterment Act, such rebuilding having already been accomplished. Several other streets have been investigated in the same connection but nothing has been decided on them as yet.

To help developers and to insure the uniformity of roads to be built in the future the Planning Board's engineers have prepared and have available cross-sections of typical 40 foot and 50 foot roads to show what is desirable when building. Maps of the Town have been prepared also and are available at the Town Hall and through some retail establishments.

One member of the Planning Board was a Charter Member of and is a Director of the newly formed SUASCO — Sudbury-Assabet-Concord-River Drainage-Association. This new organization has been approved in Washington and survey

teams are already in the field looking into local water and flood problems for which Federal funds eventually will become available.

The Planning Board wishes to call to the attention of the boards, departments and committees of the Town that the services and information at the disposal of the Planning Board are available to them at all times upon their request.

The Board makes the following recommendations for improvements in our Town Government:

1. A Permanent Building Committee of four (4) members be appointed by the Selectmen. These four members plus one (1) from any board, committee or department planning construction would then form the Town Building Committee. It is felt that having such a committee on a permanent basis would offer the Town much valuable experience and continuity which would not be available when separate committees are formed each time that construction is contemplated. An Article for the formation of the committee will be found in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.
2. A Building Code be drawn up and adopted by the Town. During the past year the Town received a communication from the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association and one of the more important recommendations contained therein was that a Building Code be put into effect as soon as possible for safety reasons. With the increased building activity in the Town the Planning Board agrees with this recommendation and plans to introduce an Article for a simple, workable code at the Annual Town Meeting.
3. That the Town consider the desirability of the complete revaluation of all real estate. The objective of such a revaluation would be to realize maximum revenue to offset the ever increasing costs incurred by the rapid growth of the Town.

We wish to extend our thanks to Chief MacGregor of the Acton Fire Department and to the many Builders for their

valuable contributions in drawing up the Proposed Building Code.

The Planning Board would like to thank all boards and committees for their excellent cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. FLOOD,
RICHARD A. GALLANT,
AUBREY C. KRETSCHMAR, Jr.,
ROBERT M. STOW,
FREDERICK S. WHITCOMB,
Acton Planning Board.

PROPOSED BUILDING BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF ACTON

- Sec. 1. This bylaw shall constitute and be known as the Building Bylaw of the Town of Acton and deals with matters concerning building, to apply to private dwellings and such other buildings as are not subject to the provisions of Chapter 143, General Laws, which are enforced by the Division of Inspection of the Department of Public Safety.
- Sec. 2. The Selectmen shall, upon approval of this bylaw and annually in March thereafter, appoint a competent building inspector who shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified.
- A. The Inspector's compensation shall be the fees collected for permits or any portion thereof as determined by the Selectmen.
- B. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Deputy Building Inspector to assist the Building Inspector or to act in his absence or disability and in such cases he shall have all the powers and duties as are herein conferred upon the Building Inspector and may be removed at the pleasure of the Board.

- C. The Inspector shall not be permitted to pass on any work in which he is interested.
- D. The Inspector shall keep a record of the business of his office, ascertain all facts and make a report in the annual Town Report.
- E. No oversight or neglect of duty on the part of the Building Inspector shall legalize the erection or alteration of any building or part thereof in a manner not in conformity with the provisions of the law.
- F. The Inspector shall have the right, in the performance of his duties and at reasonable hours, to enter, examine and inspect any building under construction within the Town of Acton.
- G. The Inspector will at the completion of each inspection leave his approval or note of instructions attached to the building permit which shall be posted in a conspicuous location.

Sec. 3. Every person intending to erect, extend or restore any building, or part thereof, within the Town of Acton, except a one story building for use other than a dwelling on a farm and located on a plot of one acre or more of land, before proceeding with said work, shall file an application for a permit with the Inspector of Buildings on forms furnished by him, giving a description of said buildings, location, also number of lot (if any) on which the building is to be erected.

Sec. 4. The Inspector of Buildings shall report to applicant on all application for permits within five (5) days from receipt of same but the Selectmen can, in special cases, extend this time as seems to them demanded by public interest.

- A. All permits are void unless work is started within 90 days or if work is abandoned for more than six months.

- Sec. 5. Fees for permits: For each permit issued a fee shall be paid which shall accompany the application. Fees shall be paid as follows: For work estimated at less than \$1,000.00 the fee shall be \$1.00, \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 — \$5.00, \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00 — \$15.00, \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 — \$25.00, \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00 — \$50.00, \$50,000.00 and over — \$100.00.
- Sec. 6. Notice to Inspector of Buildings. The builder in charge of construction shall give notice to the Inspector of Buildings whenever any parts are ready for inspection, if these parts are to be concealed in further construction of the building. The Inspector shall respond promptly and in no case shall delay more than 48 hours exclusive of Sundays and holidays.
- Sec. 7. This building bylaw becomes effective when adopted by the Town, approved by the Attorney General of Massachusetts and published as provided by Statute.
- Sec. 8. Board of Appeal. If a person is dissatisfied with the decision of the Building Inspector he may appeal from said decision within ten days of the time of said decision to the Board of Appeals. No member of the Board of Appeals shall act in any case where he is interested. In cases involving engineering problems the Board of Appeals may secure professional or expert assistance. Each decision shall be by majority of the Board and shall be in writing. Any expenses incurred shall be borne by the side against which the decision is made.
- Sec. 9. All buildings hereafter erected shall have masonry footings and foundations. Footing for masonry walls shall be not less than 8 inches deep and not less than 20 inches wide unless otherwise authorized or directed by the Inspector. All footings shall be below frost action.

- A. Foundations: All dwellings hereafter erected shall have masonry foundations with a minimum thickness of 10 inches for poured concrete foundations. Block foundation shall be 12 inches below grade and may be 8 inches above grade. Any portion of a foundation above grade to be laid in and pointed with mortar.
- B. Foundations for buildings other than dwellings may be of masonry piers of sufficient size to carry the loads to be imposed on them and to extend below frost action.
- C. Concrete Slab construction shall be in conformity with the specifications of the Inspector of Buildings.

Sec. 10. Chimneys: All chimneys hereafter to be erected to be of brick or other fireproof and non-conducting material laid in mortar. Walls of chimney to be lined with terra cotta flue lining, with joints laid in mortar.

- A. All chimneys to be plastered on the outside with cement mortar except where brickwork is exposed. All areas of chimneys not lined to be not less than two courses of brickwork.
- B. Fireplace smoke chambers shall be two courses of brickwork on all sides. All combustible surfaces in connection with fireplaces or ash dumps to be protected with masonry. Fireplace flues shall be not less than 8 x 12 inches or an area equal to one tenth ($1/10$) the face area of the fireplace opening or which ever area is greater.
- C. All chimneys hereafter constructed shall be topped out not less than 18 inches above the roof at point of contact and not less than 12 inches above ridge. Chimneys shall be capped with stone, iron, or concrete.
- D. No earthenware pipe shall be used for horizontal flues. No woodwork shall be placed at a less dis-

tance than 6 inches from any smoke pipe or metal flue unless protected with approved fire proofing material.

- E. No smoke pipe shall pass through a stud or wooden partition whether plastered or not unless protected by a suitable metal collar with holes for ventilation.
- F. A space of at least 1 inch shall be left between all woodwork and the chimneys and all heating flues, and where they pass through floors, such spaces shall be stopped with metal or other approved fire resistive material.

Sec. 11. Frame: All framing materials shall be of sound merchantable stock of sizes sufficient to carry the loads imposed on them. The minimum size of wood framing members for a dwelling shall be as follows, sills not less than four by six inches laid flatwise unless otherwise approved by the Building Inspector, girders not less than six by eight inches, supported on piers or columns not over eight feet on centers. Larger girders with span support over 8 feet may be approved by the Inspector. Girders may be of laminated timbers well spiked together. Corner posts four by six inches or may be of three two by four inch pieces, continuous the height of the corner and well spiked together. Corner braces shall be installed as near as possible to all corners. Studding for outside walls and bearing partitions to be not less than two by four inches spaced not over sixteen inches on centers. Non bearing partitions may be two by three inches. All bearing partition studs shall rest on partition caps or shoes of the same size as the studs and capped with double joist of the same size. Floor timbers for spans not over twelve feet shall be not less than two by eight inches sixteen inches on center. All spans of over eight feet shall be bridged every eight feet for their total length. For spans over twelve feet larger size timbers shall be used. All openings in floors or

walls that exceed two feet six inches shall be surrounded by double or triple headers and trimmers as directed by the building inspector. Rafters shall not be smaller than 2 inches by 6 inches spaced not more than twenty inches on centers, except rafters not over seven feet long which may be 2 inches by 4 inches. Rafter sizes shall be increased or braced or both according to the length of rafter. Exterior studded walls shall be sheathed with boards $\frac{3}{4}$ inches thick, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch plywood or other approved material, laid tight with staggered joints and nailed to studs with eight penny nails in a manner satisfactory to the Inspector. Roof sheathing shall be not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch boards or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch plywood applied with staggered joints so there will be no breaks over thirty inches long at one place. Window headers and sills shall be double the size of the studs except where space exceeds four feet. The Inspector will approve joist size on window headers and sill on spans over four feet. Ceiling joists to be not less than two by eight inches. On spans less than 12 feet or where expansion is not possible above ceiling, 2 x 6 inch joist may be approved.

- A. Where stairs continue to the attic, the attic floor joists shall not be less than two by eight inches, sixteen inches on centers. All stairs shall be fire stopped of approved material.

Sec. 12. Garages: Any garage built hereafter under a dwelling shall have its walls and ceiling covered with wire lathing and cement plaster or other fire resisting material as approved by the Inspector. Doors between a garage and a dwelling area to be self closing and covered with approved fire resistant material. Any garage attached to the side of a dwelling directly or with a breezeway shall have the wall adjacent to the dwelling or breezeway covered with wire lathing and cement plaster or other approved fire resistant material from ridge to floor.

Sec. 13. Cellars: Provision for sump pump well to be provided at the discretion of the Inspector. All cellars

to have bulkhead or other exterior exit. Cellar stairs shall be provided with hand rail. All exposed woodwork over heating equipment shall be covered with wire lathing and cement plaster or other approved fire resistant material for an area of ten (10) feet square.

- Sec. 14. Enclosed heater rooms shall be ventilated as approved by the Building Inspector. Enclosed heater rooms shall be lined with a covering of wire lathing and cement plaster or other approved fire resistant material.
- Sec. 15. Every dwelling, apartment, or tenement hereafter remodeled or erected shall have a minimum of two (2) exits, one of which terminates directly to the outside of the building.
- Sec. 16. Drain tile laid in stone around the perimeter of the foundation of a dwelling shall be laid when in the opinion of the inspector additional drainage is necessary.
- Sec. 17. Sills shall be set no greater above or below the grade of the center line of the street than one foot for each ten feet of set back from the side line of the street. If it is the decision of the Inspector that the nature of the land makes compliance an extreme hardship, the Inspector may grant an exception.
- Sec. 18. Height of Building: No dwelling hereafter erected shall exceed 20 feet in height from sill to eaves.
- Sec. 19. Wall covering: Every wooden building hereafter erected shall have its exterior walls covered with a standard building material as approved by the Inspector.
- Sec. 20. Roof Covering: The roof of every dwelling and garage attached thereto shall be covered with slate, asbestos, or asphalt roof covering weighing not less

than 210 lbs. per square or wood shingles laid according to standard building practice.

Sec. 21. Fire Stopping: Where floor beams or studs rest on sills, girders, wall girts or partition caps, fill in between such beams and studs from the sills, girders, girts or caps to four inches above the plaster ground with brick and mortar or other fire resistive material, or cut full size blocking between the studs above and below the floor beams and at the ceiling line of the upper story. Full size blocking means full width of studs and not less than one and one half inches thick.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TOWN BYLAWS

“FIRE DEPARTMENT”

SECTION 5

Article 1. The Town shall maintain a Fire Department as set forth hereinafter:

A — Organization

The Department shall consist of a Chief and three Deputy Chiefs, (one from each precinct). The Chief shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The three Deputy Chiefs will be appointed annually by the Chief. There shall be three companies (one in each precinct) each company to consist of eighteen (18) members, or such other number of members as the Chief and Deputy Chiefs may from time to time deem advisable. The officers of each company shall consist of a Captain, 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Treasurer, and Clerk, who shall be elected by each company at its regular meeting in May of each year. No Chief or Deputy Chief shall hold any company office.

B — Duties of the Chief and Deputy Chiefs

The Chief and Deputy Chiefs shall hold meetings, when called by the Chief, to transact business of the Department;

and they shall annually, in April, appoint all firemen, Superintendent of Fire Alarm System, Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm System, Fire Department Physician, and Janitors. New company members may be appointed at any time, and shall be appointed from the lists of nominations submitted by the respective companies. Upon complaint to the Chief and Deputy Chiefs by any member of the Department against another member thereof, the Chief and Deputy Chiefs shall act; and may, after giving seven (7) days notice to the member against whom such complaint is lodged, suspend or discharge said member. Upon application for a hearing by any member aggrieved by such action of the Chief and Deputy Chiefs, the Chief and Deputy Chiefs shall arrange for, and conduct, such hearing. It shall be the duty of each Deputy Chief to assist the Chief in the discharge of his duties, and serve in his place, in case of his absence, in his respective precinct. It shall be the duty of each Deputy Chief under the Chief, to have charge of the Fire Station and all equipment in his precinct, and he shall be held responsible for the condition thereof. It shall be the duty of each Deputy Chief to order sundry supplies needed for his fire station and to approve all bills for supplies and equipment required and purchased for his precinct; and to transmit such approved bills to the Chief for presentation to the Selectmen for approval and payment thereof. It shall be the duty of each Deputy Chief to hold at least one company practice each month during the months of May, June, July, and August. The Chief and Deputy Chiefs may be empowered to choose one of their members as a Clerk.

C — Duties of the Chief

It shall be the duty of the Chief to call meetings of the Chief and Deputy Chiefs, and all combined meetings of the Department and to have general charge of all property and apparatus of the Department. He shall have general charge at all fires and of all companies. He shall file all reports and issue permits required by law. The Chief shall inspect each Fire Station twice each year in company with the Deputy Chief of each respective precinct, and note the condition and any need of change in station or equipment. He shall hold a combined practice of all companies at least once each year. The

Chief shall annually in December, in conjunction with the Deputy Chiefs submit to the Board of Selectmen a budget for the maintenance of the Department for the ensuing year.

D — Duties of the Captains and Lieutenants

The Captain of each company shall have charge of his respective company at fires and receive all orders from his commanding officers, and shall give all orders for the proper operation of his company. He shall see that all apparatus is left in perfect condition at all times, and shall notify his superior officer of any defective or missing equipment. The Captain shall conduct all company meetings and see that all voting and business is properly conducted; and it shall be his duty, so far as possible, to carry out the desires of his company, and create and maintain harmony therein. The Lieutenants shall assist the Captain and act for him in his absence.

E — Duties of the Treasurer and the Clerk

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have charge of all company funds, pay all company bills, and keep a record of the same.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate account of all company meetings and the business transacted thereat.

F — Qualifications for Membership

Any person of good character, over twenty-one years of age who is an American citizen or who has filed his intention of becoming such, may be nominated for membership. The company shall judge an applicant for membership as to his qualifications as a fireman, his occupation, and his availability to attend fires and meetings. The company shall submit two or more names to the Chief and Deputy Chiefs for each vacancy to be filled.

G — Duties of the Janitor

A janitor for each Fire Station shall be appointed annually. He shall keep the Fire Station and grounds in a clean, sanitary, and orderly condition. He shall, also, keep the building at a proper temperature at all times and attend to the disposal of all ashes and refuse. He shall notify his Deputy Chief of all

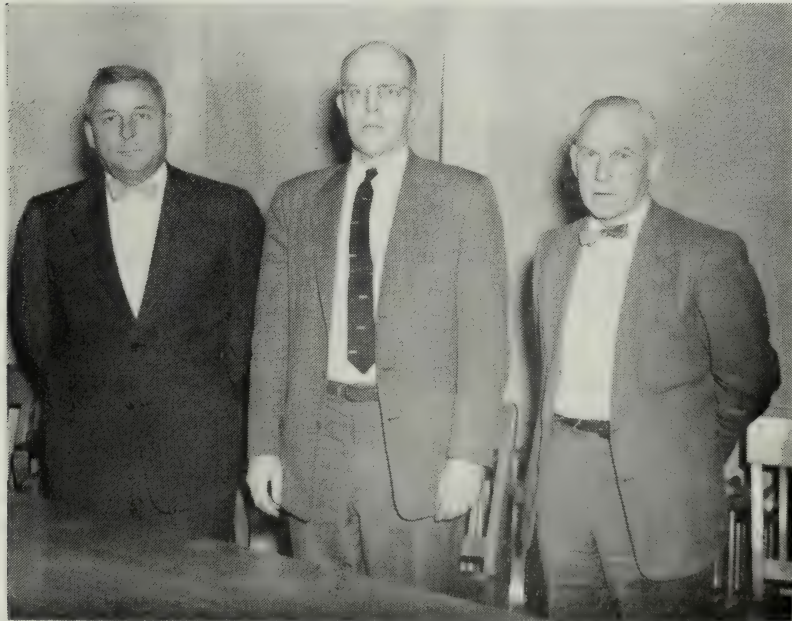
needed supplies, and report any need of change in or about the station building, or anything which he may find out of order. He shall see that tire chains are put on when needed, also take care of apparatus, batteries, and tires; and see that all apparatus is kept clean.

H — Duties of Members

It shall be the duties of the members to answer all company alarms and to obey all orders of their officers while on duty. It shall be the duty of the members to attend all meetings and practices of their respective companies; and they shall attend at least eight (8) meetings each year. Upon the request of his Deputy Chief any member missing a fire, practice, or meeting, or neglecting his duty, shall give an acceptable excuse therefor.

I — Meetings

Each company shall hold one regular meeting each month. Any company may make any rules for use in its own engine house and meetings, provided that they do not conflict with these bylaws.



BOARD OF APPEALS: Otto Pasanen — Hayward Houghton, *Chairman* — Edward Ferry.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH



BOARD OF HEALTH: *Back Row:* Edward Higgins — Herbert Leusher — Martin Duggan, R. N.
Front Row: Eileen Hale, R. N. — Orma Clark, M. D., *Chairman*
Dorothy Turner, *Secretary*.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The Board of Health herewith submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1955, together with the report of its Agent, Town Nurse, Inspector of Food and Milk, Inspector of Slaughtering, Inspector of Sanitation, Plumbing Inspector, and items of interest concerning the Health and Sanitation of the residents of Acton.

For your information as citizens of the Town of Acton, in directing the activities of the Board of Health, and keeping them alerted at all times to the needs of a town of this size, a number of problems necessarily of great importance to you have been listed with the high lights of what has been done during the year 1955.

Corrective measures have been uppermost at the meetings of the Board which are held on the 3rd. Monday of each month at the Board of Health Office, plus the special meetings held whenever necessary. The Board of Health Office is open daily, Monday through Friday, 9 A. M. - 4 P. M. for your convenience to report and consult on anything pertaining to Health and Sanitation.

This year has been one of expansion as can be seen in about every section of town. This requires the constant supervision of the Agent, Assistant Agent, and the members of the Board. It is felt that 1955 and 1956 will be the two years that a record breaking building program and development of the town will gradually taper off and that a period of slower and more substantial construction could take place.

The various activities that the Board of Health are directly concerned with and are closely observing include the following:

1. The water drainage, cesspools, septic tanks, and overflow water from homes, buildings, both Public and Private, and storm drainage. About $\frac{1}{3}$ of the efforts of the Agent and Assistant Agent's time has been devoted to this condition, and with the Planning Board working on ways of moving this waste out of Acton and into waterways. Considerable time and work has been applied to this condition.
2. Dumping of rubbish along our main highways has been a source of annoyance to the Board for the past several years as some garbage is included. Apparently motorists passing will pull over to the side of the road and throw it out of the car window. State Laws provide a fine for this nuisance.
3. We have one patient in the Waltham Sanitorium at the present time. We do not anticipate any further cases, but it is necessary to have on hand sufficient appropriated funds for unpredicted cases. This fund is subsidized by the State and returns are made to the Town of Acton each year.
4. There have been six (6) licenses issued for Kindergartens and child centers in town during the year 1955.

The State Health Department requires that the Board of Health supervise these centers.

5. The Town Dump has been a very active part of the Board's consideration during the year 1955. The dump has remained open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with an annual expense of approximately \$4500. which means less than \$1. per person in the town for the dump, with gravel and fill to build up to maintain a solid area and solid edges for cars to back up to. Alexander Whiteneck, the Custodian of the dump, has utilized the fill to the best advantage possible for a wider area for dumping. The Board feels after looking into costs of various ways of dumping in other towns, that we are using the most economical system and giving the people of Acton the best service it is possible to give.
6. Several cases of Polio were reported in Acton during the year 1955, with a record number reported in the State. A Polio Clinic was held during the early part of 1955 and vaccine inoculations were given to school children under the supervision of the Board of Health. Contact cases were investigated and offered Gamma Globulin. Some took advantage of this offer, others refused. It is anticipated that further Clinics will be held in February and March.
7. The Board of Health is your agency for the continued contact with District, State and National Headquarters. It is necessary that all Communicable Diseases be reported to the Board of Health Office. If a physician knows or has cause to believe that a person whom he visits is infected with a disease declared to be dangerous to the public health, he shall give written notice thereof, signed by him (Chapter 111, General Laws) to the Board of Health. In cases where a physician does not see the patient, the householder then gives the report. This information is recorded and sent to the Health District and the State Health Department each week and daily if necessary. The information necessary to go along with the growing conditions in this town are sent to our office daily, the necessary media which is used to transmit and put into effect, that part of the informa-

tion which applies here is determined by the Board of Health. Many meetings are held by the members and Agents before any changes are made or new regulations are put into effect.

8. The hurricane of August 1955 caused flood waters and the pollution of wells to be considered by the Board of Health. When members of the Board found it necessary to go to all sections of Acton to investigate the condition as it was found, also as it was reported, radio and newspapers were used to warn people of Acton to boil water until such times as it could be determined that no further precautions were necessary.
9. Most people have the mistaken idea that the Town and School Nurse is exclusively for the people in town that cannot afford to pay for professional nursing care, or for the school children. This is of course not true. The services of the Town Nurse are for all people who cannot afford to pay, but those who are financially able to pay in full or in part are required to do so. This program is supported by the Board of Health, and it includes the well child program also the care of aged people that require daily or weekly calls for injections, irrigations, renewal of surgical dressings and many other types of nursing care under a Doctor's orders.

We wish to thank at this time the many other Boards in the Town for the co-operation we have received during the past year in making the efforts of our Board more efficient in its work as the Board of Health of Acton.

Respectfully submitted,

ORMA L. CLARK, M. D., Chairman,
HERBERT L. LEUSHER,
MARTIN J. DUGGAN,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

To the Board of Health:

There were 195 cases of contagious diseases which are dangerous to the public health reported during the year 1955.
Cases reported:

Chicken pox	14
German measles	6
Measles	130
Mumps	10
Scarlet fever	4
Dog bite	21
Influenza	3
Scarletina	2
Infectious Hepatitis	1
Polio	4
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	195

There were 25 deaths reported for which burial permits were issued during the year.

Died in Acton	21
Died elsewhere	4
Buried in Acton	9
Buried elsewhere	16

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Agent.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SANITATION

To the Board of Health
Acton, Massachusetts

There were 537 complaints and inspections acted on during the year as follows:

Inspection of septic tanks and cesspools (2 inspections are necessary for each permit issued) 161

Complaints of overflowing — running into streams and creeks and others concerning water tests and such — On file by letter	27
Verbal complaints	209
Swimming places tested and inspected	12
Homes and surroundings inspected on complaints	118
Licenses granted for operating nursery Schools, motel and overnight camps, and transportation of offal through Acton	10
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EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Sanitary Inspector.

REPORT OF MILK AND FOOD INSPECTOR

Board of Health
Acton, Massachusetts

Following is the report of the Milk and Food Inspector for
1955:

- 11 Milk plants visited
- 11 Eating places visited
- 4 Catering establishments
- 9 Stores where milk, etc., are sold
- 2 Ice Cream licenses issued
- 19 Milk licenses issued
- 17 Milk Dealers' licenses issued
- 1 Slaughtering of Poultry license issued

It has been a pleasure to serve the Board of Health of Acton
as Milk and Food Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

BRADFORD S. LEACH.

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE



TOWN NURSE: Eileen Hale, R. N.

To the Board of Health:
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Old Age	}	506
Welfare		
Aid to Dependent Children		
Veterans, Veterans' Widows or their Dependents		
Communicable Diseases		
Childhood Diseases of Adults		32
Tuberculosis		1
Medical and Surgical — Chronic Cases		845
Follow-up Visits (not charged)		150
Kindergarten Inspections		6
Maternal and Child Health Visits		
Prenatal		25
Postnatal		70

Preschool Children	70	
School Children (home visits)	176	
Night, Sunday and off hours calls	34	
	<hr/>	1,915
Paid visits to persons under Dr's care	573	
Trips to Waltham	8	
Number of Persons X-Rayed at Monthly Clinic	112	
Inactive T. B. Patients and Contacts	28	
Trips to Hospital and Doctors with Pa- tients	16	
	<hr/>	737
Total amount of money received		\$637.50
Outstanding bills for services		\$31.00

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Health, to Mrs. Hazel Vose, R. N. and to our Secretary for all their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN F. HALE, R. N.,
Town Nurse.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Board of Health
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Plumbing for the year ending December 31, 1955.

One hundred seventy-eight (178) permits were issued.

The sum of Seven hundred sixty-eight (768) dollars was collected in fees for these permits.

J. G. Perry	\$444.50
W. F. Osbeck	\$323.50

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH G. PERRY,
Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health
Acton, Massachusetts

There were no cases of slaughtering reported in Acton during the year. Several inquiries were made in regard to slaughtering but when price was quoted the people decided to take their slaughtering elsewhere.

EDWARD J. HIGGINS,
Inspector of Slaughtering.



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

The Trustees of this fund have investigated fifteen cases throughout the year and have signed orders to the Town Treasurer for the sum of eight hundred ninety dollars (\$890.00).

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA L. SAWYER,
HELEN B. WOOD,
THELMA M. BLOOD,
Trustees of Elizabeth White Fund.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1955



CEMETERY DEPARTMENT: *Front Row:* Commissioner Ray Harris — Foreman Elwin Hollowell — Superintendent Fred Kennedy. *Back Row:* Commissioners Harry Holt — Howard Jones.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

A former member of our Board, Mr. Horace F. Tuttle, died on the 19th day of December in his 92nd year. He was elected to the cemetery board on March 2, 1891 and served as clerk of the board until March 2, 1945 when he retired from the board. We desire to place on record our testimony to his long and faithful service and his interest in the care and improvement of our cemeteries.

The account of the town treasurer shows that during the past year cemetery department has received and paid into the treasury the sum of \$1,627.05 which can be found itemized in the town treasurer's report. Also in the town collector's report you will find the sum of \$624.00 collected for the annual care of lots, which is credited to the cemetery department receipts.

There has been added to the perpetual care account the past year, in new and additional accounts, the sum of \$3,925.00.

It was necessary during the past Fall to remove many large trees in Woodlawn Cemetery for the following reasons: first many of these trees had suffered heavy damage during the two hurricanes of 1954 and secondly we felt that to protect a

great many monuments, it was necessary to remove several large pine trees.

A new section has been laid out in Woodlawn Cemetery and we have adopted a new policy in regards to the sale of lots in both cemeteries, that all lots are to be sold with perpetual care charge included. In adopting this policy the town is assured that all the lots sold in the future will have an income for the care of these lots and it will also eventually do away with the annual care accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY L. HARRIS,
HOWARD F. JONES,
HARRY E. HOLT,
Cemetery Commissioners.



REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

Board of Selectmen
Town of Acton
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

During the year of 1955 the Acton Civil Defense Agency expanded its organization in orderly fashion. The radiological team was organized and equipped and is now ready for operation. The Communication system has been expanded, though it is not yet complete. A sector radio has been purchased and is being installed so that contact with sector headquarters can be maintained should other means of communication fail in an emergency. Equipment to be used for liaison with the Fire and Police Departments is being acquired and should be set up in the near future.

Mr. Charles D. MacPherson was succeeded recently by Mr. Harry L. Stiegler as director of the agency, and he has devoted his time in studying the organization and equipment

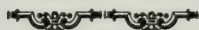
of the agency. Mr. Allen C. Beddoe has been appointed a Deputy Director.

The Warden Service and Ground Observer Corps remain large and important problems, and it is hoped that these units can be organized and placed into operation. The communication set up needs portable 2 meter equipment for use in staff operation, and a standby emergency generator to provide power for the continued operation of the headquarters establishment during a disaster is still needed.

Respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

HARRY L. STIEGLER,
Director.



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

INVESTMENTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$465.54	
Concord Co-Operative Bank	3,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,465.54

RECEIPTS

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$13.36	
U. S. Bonds	37.50	
Concord Co-Operative Bank	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$95.86

EXPENDITURES

Treasurer of the Evangelical Church in Acton	\$75.86	
Town of Acton for perpetual care of Goodnow Lot in Woodlawn Cemetery	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$95.86

ROY H. LINS COTT
FRANK E. GREENOUGH,
Trustees of Goodnow Fund.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN



TREE WARDEN: Franklin Charter

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1955. The Tree Department removed approximately 100 trees this year. Many of these were weakened by our recent hurricanes and were considered dangerous.

The Department planted 35 new trees along the town ways.

The poison ivy along the town ways and on the school grounds was sprayed.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. CHARTER,
Tree Warden.

AN INSURANCE REPORT TO THE SELECTMEN OF ACTON

In accordance with the request of the Selectmen dated November 1st, the Insurance Committee herewith submits its report on the condition of the Town's insurance policies and recommendations for the improvement of existing policies as well as the purchase of additional insurance. The report will deal with the following types of coverage:

- I Fire and Extended Coverage
- II Public Liability
- III Automobile Liability
- IV Automobile Comprehensive Fire, Theft and Collision
- V Workmen's Compensation
- VI Boiler and Machinery
- VII Surety Bonds
- VIII Money and Securities Coverage
- IX Destruction of Records
- X
 - a) Teachers' and Students' Accident Coverage
 - b) Firemen's Accident Insurance
 - c) Police Accident Insurance
- XI Pension
- XII Group Life, Accident and Hospitalization

In each instance the report will list the present insurance coverage describing briefly the pertinent features of the form of policy and the basic insuring clauses. A discussion and, where possible, definite recommendations will follow. Many times we will suggest alternatives and leave the determination up to the Selectmen.

In general, the Committee has searched for the substantial unprotected exposures and deliberately overlooks exposures that have a fixed penalty to the Town of less than \$1,000. For example, a shed worth \$200 which contains old machinery worth \$50 should not be included in the Fire Schedule; its inclusion would only tend to increase the average rate and its total loss without insurance would make little difference to the Town. However, Town property of equal value in the custody of a Town official using his home as an office, should

be insured, because \$250 could mean a great deal to the official. This insurance would then serve the purpose of preventing a dispute between Town departments as well as financial reimbursement to the Town.

Item I Fire Insurance

Standard Massachusetts Fire and Lightning Insurance is provided on all the buildings belonging to the Town on a schedule of twenty-two items totaling \$948,428 of value as follows subject to 80% Reduced Rate Contribution Clause and insured for 80% of value.

Item No.	Item	Location	Amounts
1	School House	Main Street, Acton Centre	\$22,400
2	Public Library	Main Street, Acton Centre	33,600
3	Fire House	Concord Road, Acton Centre	40,000
4	Town Hall	#480 Main St., Acton Centre	32,000
5	Frame Building	Tree and Moth Dept., R480 Main St., Acton Centre	960
6	Frame Building	Office Bldg., R480 Main St., Acton Centre	600
7	Frame Building	Repair Shop, R480 Main St., Acton Centre	2,400
8	Frame Building	Sand Shed, R480 Main St., Acton Centre	2,400
9	Frame Building	Storage Tools, Signs and Ladders R480 Main St., Acton Centre ..	2,000
10	Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel	Acton Centre	28,000
11	School House	School St., South Acton	20,000
12	Fire House	School St., South Acton	9,600
13	High School	Mass. Avenue, West Acton	144,000
14	School House	Mass. Avenue, West Acton	20,000
15	Fire House	Windsor Avenue, West Acton	8,000
16	Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel	West Acton	2,000
17	Tool House	Goward Field R480 Main St., Acton Centre	240
18	Tool House	Woodlawn Cemetery, Concord Rd., Acton Centre	800
19	Tool House	Jones' Field, Martin St., South Acton	400

20	Tool House	Rear of Chapel in Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Acton	300
21	School	North Side of Mass. Avenue, West Acton	180,000
22	Blanchard Auditorium	Mass. Ave., West Acton	210,000
			<hr/> \$759,000

No insurance is provided for loss of the contents of these buildings due to Fire, except \$3,000 at the Woodlawn Chapel, \$500 at Woodlawn Tool House, \$800 at Mt. Hope Chapel, \$700 at Mt. Hope Tool House and \$16,800 at the Town Library.

To establish proper values the Town secured an appraisal of nineteen buildings from Clayton K. Brooks & Son in January, 1951. These valuations have been increased 15% upon the authority of construction cost indices published periodically by the Engineering Department of the Factory Mutual Insurance Companies and other recognized appraisal services.

Values of small buildings omitted from the 1951 appraisal and/or constructed since that time have been arbitrarily set by comparison; and in the latter case contract costs have been increased upon the same authority as the original nineteen items. Obviously, these opinions of proper values can not be binding on any insurance company but are at the same time, a sensible basis for discussion.

The value of building contents are given on the basis of figures submitted to this Committee by the separate departments or in absence of written evidence our best estimate of value on general knowledge, not based on a visual inventory.

Hence, the Committee recommends that the Town's Fire Insurance be revised to include all buildings and their contents with the possible exception of buildings whose combined building and contents value is less than \$1,000. The revision should be discussed on the basis of the following values:

Item No.	Item	Location	Values	
			Contents	Buildings
1	Primary School Julia McCarthy (1952)	Mass. Ave., W. Acton	\$26,400	\$242,000
2	School House	Main St., Acton Cen.	3,420	32,200
3	School House	School St., So. Acton ..	5,760	28,750

4	School House	Mass. Ave., W. Acton	5,760	28,750
5	High School	Mass. Ave., W. Acton	27,340	207,000
6	Public Library	Main St., Acton Cen.	45,625	48,300
7	Branch Public Library	Windsor Ave., West Acton	500	Nil
8	Town Hall	Main St., Acton Cen.	5,000	46,000
9	Frame Building	Tree and Moth Dept., R480 Main St., Ac- ton Centre	2,976	1,400
10	Frame Building	Office Bldg., R480 Main St., Acton Centre	300	800
11	Frame Building	Garage and Storage Shed, R480 Main St., Acton Centre	2,700	2,900
12	Frame Building	Repair Shop, R480 Main St., Acton Cen.	3,400	3,500
13	Frame Building	Sand Shed, R480 Main St., Acton Centre ..	1,500	3,500
14	Blanchard Auditorium (1954)	Mass. Ave., W. Acton	40,000	269,860
15	Tool House	Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Acton	2,703	425
16	Tool House	Jones' Field, Martin St., South Acton	700	625
17	Tool House	Woodlawn Cemetery, Concord Rd., Acton Centre	4,754	1,150
18	Tool House	Goward Field R480 Main St., Acton Cen.	Nil	350
19	Fire House	Concord Road, Acton Centre	14,157	57,500
20	Fire House	School St., So. Acton	14,572	13,800
21	Fire House	Windsor Ave., West Acton	16,654	11,500
22	Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel	Acton Centre	12,273	40,250
23	Police Chief's Home	Prospect St., S. Acton	500	Nil
24	Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel	West Acton	400	2,875
25	Town Accountant's Home	Arlington St., West Acton	260	Nil
26	Treasurer's Home	Main St., South Acton	300	Nil

27	Tax Collector's Home	Central St., W. Acton	525	Nil
28	Rimbach's Home (Fire Alarm)	Main St., Acton Cen.	560	Nil
Sub Totals			\$240,039	\$1,043,425
Total Building Value			1,043,425	
Total Contents Value			240,039	
Grand Total			\$1,283,464	

Note: In addition, \$18,290 worth of Highway Department Equipment is stored outside. Snow Fencing valued at \$2,000 only is combustible hence, not included in table above.

These values represent an increased insurance requirement of \$179,382 on buildings and \$193,735 on furniture, supplies and other equipment not previously insured and would increase the average annual cost by about \$1,515. In the past insurance has been purchased on 80% of value but due to the recent history of inflation, 90% of value is recommended and it is on this basis that these figures are submitted.

Extended Coverage #4 is a type of protection that most banks require on mortgaged property and, hence, a sound type of insurance to consider. Prior to the tornado at Worcester in 1953, most people considered windstorm or hail damage to town buildings of serious proportions as extremely unlikely and, hence, never considered this type of coverage. Since the tornado a number of hurricanes have swept New England causing serious damage to all types of buildings. Therefore, we recommend this coverage for the Town. Besides Windstorm and Hail this extension includes Explosion (except boiler) Smoke Damage (from defective oil burners), Falling Aircraft, Motor Vehicle Damage, etc. many of which can cause major damage to buildings and contents. This endorsement would necessarily be carried for the same amount as the insurance carried on any specific item of the schedule as a whole. If added to the entire schedule the approximate rate would be \$.077 @ \$100 per year overall or an increased average cost to the Town of \$889 annually.

An alternate recommendation is that the revised schedule be written on a Blanket Form, which means that a single

amount is placed on each building and this may be applied to building and/or contents in case of loss. This allows greater flexibility and less susceptibility to penalty under the coinsurance clause. This form does require checking up on all values each year which may be a nuisance to Town employees but will serve as constant reminder that values should be reviewed.

All Fire Insurance policies should be consolidated into one policy or group of policies to guarantee concurrency of form (important if making a claim) and to simplify the administration.

Item II Public Liability or Bodily Injury and Property Damage

No coverage is carried at the present time.

In most cases municipalities are not liable if the people are injured as a result of negligence on the part of Town or City Government. Municipalities enjoy the same type of exemptions from this type of responsibility as would a charity. However, this exemption is not 100% water-tight, as there are occasions where the Town may be held responsible and cannot fall back on these exemptions. One such example would be an occasion on which a public building or hall had been loaned or rented to an organization which was to charge admission to the event for which the hall was rented. In cases of gross negligence, even though the city may escape liability through the municipal exemption, the Town officials may be personally held liable.

The Insurance Committee feels that it is in the best interest of the Town to carry Public Liability Insurance on such buildings as are normally assessable to or used by the general public. Specifically included are such items as Chapels in the Cemeteries, the School Buildings, Town Hall, Public Library, Fire Houses and the operation of the Town dump, which is particularly susceptible to causing property damage to adjacent property owners. Consequently, we have secured a quotation for this liability insurance: Bodily Injury Liability Limits of \$25/100,000 and Property Damage Liability Limits of \$25,000 and would cost \$664.91 per annum.

You can well ask, "What is the value of such a policy if the municipality has so many exemptions?" The answer is that

the policy would have attached to it a Rider waiving the municipal immunity unless the Board of Selectmen of the Town direct the Insurance Company to use the exemption. In other words, claims would be handled in exactly the same way as if the building were owned and operated for commercial purposes. It is obvious that the most likely people to be injured in the buildings of Acton are fellow citizens and the good will of the Town Government could be shown by taking proper care of accidents which were caused by negligence of some Town official individually or an official board.

Item III Automobile Liability

American Motorists Policy, #F5M17122, expiring May 20, 1956, Bodily Injury Limits of \$25/100,000 with \$5,000 Property Damage, covers Statutory coverage under Rule No. 63A (Chapter 40, Section 5) of the General Laws, covering on seven vehicles of the Fire Department, two Police Cruisers and six vehicles on the Highway Department. This policy is properly written and carries the maximum limits of Bodily Injury Liability, authorized by the State Auditing Department. A minor suggestion is that the Property Damage Liability Limits be increased to \$25,000 at an estimated additional premium of \$100.

One other type of Automobile Liability Insurance that should be considered is known as Non-Ownership Liability Insurance. Basically, this insurance would protect the Town for its liability arising out of an automobile accident in which a Town employee was involved while driving his personal car on Town business. This insurance is extremely reasonable; it is a remote exposure but still, potentially, a very large one. On the basis that thirteen Town employees and officials normally use their own cars in the course of their official business, the annual premium for such a policy would be \$67.77 with \$25/100,000 limits on Bodily Injury and \$25,000 Property Damage Liability.

Item IV Automobile Comprehensive Fire, Theft and Collision Coverage

The present coverage is in the Federal Mutual, Policy #KX177151, covering the two Police Cruisers for Comprehensive Fire and Theft on a 1955 Ford in the amount of \$3,000 and a 1954 Dodge for \$2,900.

Recommendations are to reconsider the purchase of Collision Insurance on these two vehicles, since they are very susceptible to serious accidents. This should be considered in the light of the fact that Collision Insurance carries a deductible in varying amounts, from \$50 or \$100 per accident and the estimated premium per year for the two cruisers would be \$103 with a \$50 deductible and \$67 using a \$100 deductible.

Comprehensive Fire and Theft Insurance on the seven Fire Department vehicles and the six Highway vehicles and Fire and Theft only on the Tree Department truck is strongly recommended, since the possibility of concentrated loss is considerable at the garaging point. The cost of this insurance is extremely reasonable for the amount of protection obtained. To cover these vehicles for Comprehensive and Fire and Theft would cost annually \$222.45.

Collision Insurance on these same vehicles should be considered separately and having in mind the past experience of the various Departments in this respect: Having also in mind that these vehicles are used primarily locally and are not as susceptible to damage as the Police vehicles but in order that you may determine whether or not the Town should purchase Collision Insurance on these vehicles, the Committee submits the Collision quotation on the basis of a \$250 deductible, of \$466.

Item V Workmen's Compensation

American Motorists, #5CM36377, expiring May 23, 1956. This Compensation Policy is written correctly under the Massachusetts Statutory Form covering employees of the Town in accordance with existing law. No changes are recommended.

Item VI Boiler and Machinery

Some of the keynotes resulting from our analysis of Boiler and Machinery coverage are the following:

- 1 We note that Bodily Injury coverage is included at all locations.

We would like to point out that this coverage is optional and can be adequately covered under a Public Liability policy to cover individuals other than employees. Employees would be covered under the Workmen's Com-

pensation. There is not much savings involved here by eliminating this coverage. On the other hand, it would be a duplication of liability if they are now properly covered.

- 2 We note that some of the boilers have Broad coverage and others Limited coverage. It is our understanding that the boilers on Limited are so insured because of their age. The thinking here is that in the event of a Broad Form accident, the rate of depreciation would be so high that there would be small percentage of recovery.
- 3 Repair or Replacement coverage — We would like to bring to attention that this item of depreciation can be eliminated completely by providing Repair or Replacement which covers property of the Insured. In the event of a boiler explosion, not only would the boilers be repaired or replaced without consideration for depreciation, but also other property of the Insured such as the building and contents (except stock and supplies). In most cases the amount taken for depreciation on older equipment exceeds the amount of recovery. Where one is buying insurance on the boiler explosion basis, consideration should be given to adding this coverage. This can be provided on the present policy for an additional \$118 per year.
- 4 Varying Limits per accident — We note that there are varying Limits on the present policy which run from \$100,000 at the High School and Elementary School to \$10,000 at the Windsor Avenue Fire House. We would also like to point out that the present contract covers Bodily Injury Liability. It is our feeling that in the event of a boiler explosion, the resulting damage to buildings and to persons could and would probably exceed these present Limits. We feel that \$100,000 Limits should be provided at all the school locations and \$50,000 at the Fire Houses. The additional annual charge to increase these Limits would be approximately \$44.21.

Item VII Surety Bonds

The Boston Insurance Company writes the existing Faithful Performance Bonds that are required by statute in the following amounts:

1	Town Clerk	\$1,000
2	Town Treasurer	\$45,000
3	Tax Collector's Bond	\$48,200

These Surety Bonds protect the Town against dishonesty of these three officials and even goes so far as to guarantee the faithful performance of their duty. This clause is considered broader than just dishonesty. The Forms are written according to statute and at standard rates and there are no recommendations for the improvement.

The principal exposure to loss through dishonesty of officials or employees of the Town lies with these three officials and they are now adequately bonded. However, there are many other Town employees and officials, who, if they so desired, could through dishonest means, cause loss of considerable amounts of money. By way of background, dishonesty losses are seldom caused by deliberate stealing of a bundle of money or a single check. Usually the loss is caused by the collusion of one or more employees with an outside party who can falsify between them, accounts, so that the Town pays too much for various supplies, etc. The annual losses caused by dishonesty, countrywide, are almost as great as that caused by fire annually, and there never yet has been invented a system of financial control that cannot be beaten eventually by dishonesty. Should the Town of Acton be in the position of discovering a large dishonesty loss, not caused by one of the three bonded officials, it would be very difficult to announce to the Town that no insurance had been provided for this type of loss. A Blanket Bond covering all employees of the Town whether compensated or serving the Town on a voluntary basis may be provided. A minimum Bond of \$10,000 on each occurrence carries the minimum premium of \$150 per annum or \$538.65 for four years. The Committee recommends purchase of this Surety Bond.

Item VIII Money and Securities Coverage

Existing Policy, American Surety Company, #BAE104-38364, expiring June 24, 1956. This is a limited policy covering Robbery or Holdup of the Tax Collector while in his office, at home or on the way to a bank to deposit the funds. His safe is also insured against Burglary for the minimum amount of

\$1,200. Robbery in the insurance company language means that a man must be put in threat of violence or injured in the course of the money being taken away from him. Holdup has the same connotation. Burglary means that there must be visible signs of breaking and entering into the safe itself. There would be no protection if the door of the safe were not locked at the time of the removal of the cash. Your Insurance Committee do not feel that this is adequate insurance for the protection of the collector of his funds. The amounts are adequate for the premises of the Collector. The Messenger (or Transit) Holdup Limits may be insufficient. Apparently, there is no cash exposure in the Treasurer's office.

It is recommended that a Broad Form Money and Securities Policy be purchased for the Town of Acton at a minimum annual premium of \$62.50 and a three-year cost of two and a half times this figure. This policy would cover money and securities for almost all-risk of loss or disappearance. The premium quoted is a minimum premium which gives \$2,850 of coverage within the premises of the Tax Collector and \$1,850 outside the premises but in custody of a Town official. This coverage would be limited to the Tax Collector's fund and his operation and we realize that there may be small amounts of cash available in other parts of the Town but believe that the expense of insuring small petty cash accounts is too great to warrant the purchase of the coverage. The chances of loss can be minimized by the use of impressed funds wherever possible, if not already the practice of the Town. The Broad Form Money and Securities Policy should be placed in the same company that is to write the Fidelity Bond of the Tax Collector, for there should be no question on a mysterious disappearance or misplacement loss as to whether it was caused by dishonesty or just mysteriously disappeared and if the loss is insured in both cases by the same company, there is no room for argument; the Town will receive reimbursement.

Item IX Destruction of Records Insurance

This is a type of exposure of which few Town officials are aware. If the Town Hall burned to the ground or the Tax Collector's house becomes demolished because of explosion, there would be serious loss to the Town involved in recreating the

necessary records for the continued operation of the Town. Some research has been completed in this respect, based on the experience of the State Auditors in other towns where this necessity has arisen. It is estimated that to replace the Tax Collector's records would cost the Town \$10,000. The Town Accountant's records, the Treasurer's records and the Town Clerk's records could probably each be replaced at a cost to the Town for labor and material of \$2,500 each. These expenses are something against which the Town may be insured at a very reasonable rate. \$20,000 of Destruction of Records Insurance, providing protection against almost all types of loss of records, would carry an annual premium of \$68.40.

The \$20,000 mentioned above does not take into consideration any other accounts than are indicated and in the case of the Town Clerk does not include the Town archives in the basement of the Town Hall nor the Selectmen records nor the Public Health Department records. Here, again, the rate for this insurance is standard and does not decrease as the amount goes up; therefore, further investigation in this field should be made prior to the purchase of this type of insurance.

Item X

A) Teachers' and Students' Accident Coverage

This policy was not specifically reviewed at this time but a Committee member has reviewed it within a year. It was found to be in order, but at the same time it may be possible to purchase better insurance at the same cost.

B) Volunteer Fire Department Accident Insurance

This policy was not reviewed but is believed to be satisfactory.

C) Police Department Accident Insurance

The Police Officers of the Town are excluded from the Massachusetts Compensation Act and, therefore, have only recourse to the Town under Common Law. This situation is similar to the Volunteer Fire Department and it is suggested that similar accident insurance be afforded to the Police Department. This insurance would cost approximately \$50.00 per man, if the insurance can be placed.

Calendar (Office Hours)

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tuesday through Saturday —

1:00 P. M. - 6:00 P. M. and 7:00 P. M. - 9:00 P. M.

West Branch

Tuesday —3:00 P. M. - 6:00 P. M.

Thursday—6:00 P. M. - 8:00 P. M.

ASSESSORS' CLERK

CO 3-4760

Monday through Friday—8:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.

CIVIL DEFENSE

CO 3-4426

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency CO 3-4321

Headquarters CO 3-4366

if no answer CO 3-4348

HEALTH OFFICE—CLERK

CO 3-4736

Monday through Friday—9:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CO 3-5221

Chief's Residence CO 3-5522

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Supt. of Schools—High School CO 3-4181

Center School—Main Street CO 3-5233

New Primary School—Massachusetts Ave. CO 3-4982

South School—School Street CO 3-4274

West School—Massachusetts Ave. CO 3-5642

Legion School—Prospect Street CO 3-4967

SELECTMEN'S CLERK

CO 3-4760

Monday through Friday—8:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

CO 3-5332

TOWN CLERK

CO 3-5288

445 Main Street, Acton

TOWN COLLECTOR

CO 3-4600

241 Central Street, West Acton

Monday —1:00 P. M. - 8:00 P. M.

Tuesday —9:00 A. M. - 12:00 Noon

Wednesday—9:00 A. M. - 8:00 P. M.

TOWN NURSE **CO 3-4736**
Monday through Friday—8:30 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.

VETERANS' AGENT **CO 3-4342**
Carl W. Flint

VETERANS' DIRECTOR **CO 3-4326**
Theron A. Lowden
172 Main Street, South Acton

WELFARE OFFICE (Bedford Town Hall—CRestview 4-6668)

WIRE INSPECTOR—CLERK **CO 3-4760**
Monday through Friday—8:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.



Calendar (Meetings)

BOARD OF APPEALS **Selectmen's Office**
Meetings by petition

BOARD OF ASSESSORS **Selectmen's Office**
Every Thursday—8:00 P. M.

BOARD OF HEALTH **Health Office**
3rd Monday of each month—9:30 A. M.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN **Selectmen's Office**
Every Tuesday—8:00 P. M.

PLANNING BOARD **Selectmen's Office**
Every Monday—8:00 P. M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Julia L. McCarthy Primary School
Second Monday of each month—7:30 P. M.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT **Selectmen's Office**
Every Tuesday—8:00 P. M.

WELFARE BOARD **Selectmen's Office**
1st and 3rd Monday of each month—1:30 P. M.

Item XI Pensions

Your Committee did not feel qualified to review this part of the Town's insurance, as it is highly technical, particularly since it is administered primarily by Governmental officials according to law, rather than through an insured plan.

Item XII Group Life, Accident and Hospitalization

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made available to its employees, a Group Plan which includes Life Insurance for State employees of \$2,000, plus \$2,000 Accident, Death and Dismemberment; Hospital and Surgical benefits on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan with the supplementary prolonged illness provision; \$5,000 Polio coverage, and benefits include Diagnostic treatment for both in and out patients. In the case of the State, the Commonwealth pays half the cost and the employees the other half and even when retired, some of this coverage may be continued at the expense of the retired employee.

We go into this much detail because this same plan may be made available to the employees of Towns within the Commonwealth. The Towns must adopt permissive legislation under Chapter 32B of the General Laws and such adoption must be on the ballot with a majority voting in favor, to allow the installation of the plan. Adoption of this State-wide plan is undoubtedly a more economic approach to this type of protection on all Town employees than any Commercial Insurance Company could offer a single Town.

Conclusions

A) The insurance section of this report will stand on its own strength and needs no further explanation other than to point out the financial consequences.

If all of the definite recommendations of this report are carried out, the Board of Selectmen should increase the Insurance Budget \$4,500 over previous expenditures. The sum of our recommended quotations is but \$3,770.44 but for simplicity all quotations have been made on a one-year basis. Obviously, the Selectmen will wish to take advantage of discounts for long term policies and this will involve a slightly higher outlay in 1956 than subsequently.

If the cost of Collision Insurance on all Town motor vehicles were added to the above, \$569 should be added; and if Accident Insurance for the Police Department is desired add the necessary per capita cost.

These quotations are subject to change without prejudice. In the final negotiations, information and facts may vary slightly and affect the cost. There has been no attempt to submit at this time competitive quotations, nor has any recognition been given to the dividends of Mutual Companies. The purpose of quotations herein are only to serve as a guide in determining the value of each recommendation and arrive at the figure presented in the second paragraph of Conclusion A.

B) In view of the difficulties encountered in establishing the value of equipment owned by the various departments, we suggest that the Planning Board initiate a change of the Town Bylaws which will require all departments or custodians of Town property to submit a valued inventory to the Finance Committee prior to approval of their respective budgets for the ensuing year.

C) In the course of submitting a Liability quotation the Travelers Insurance Company safety inspector made certain recommendations involving maintenance items. The Committee recommends compliance with the inspector's recommendations regardless of the purchase of Liability Insurance. Copies of the Travelers' recommendations will be made available to you upon request.

D) It is most strongly recommended that the administration of all Town insurance be made the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen in so far as the General Laws of Massachusetts permit.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. MacRAE
RAYMOND A. GALLANT
THOMAS MOTLEY, II, Chairman
THERON A. LOWDEN
CHESTER B. ROBBINS

Dated this 27th day of January, 1956.

Annual Report
OF THE
Public Schools of Acton
AND THE
Acton-Boxborough Regional School
District Committee



Town of Acton

MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

ORGANIZATION

Acton School Committee

Mr. Thomas E. Wetherbee, Chairman	Term Expires 1956
Mrs. Evelyn N. MacLean, Secretary	Term Expires 1956
Mr. Dana B. Hinckley	Term Expires 1957
Mr. Edmond J. McNiff	Term Expires 1957
Mr. George E. Neagle	Term Expires 1958
Mr. Frank R. Stevens	Term Expires 1958

Meetings of the School Committee

Regular meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Julia L. McCarthy Primary School at 7:30 P. M.

Tel.

Superintendent of Schools, William L. O'Connell	3-4181
School Physician, Paul P. Gates, M. D.	3-5671
School Nurse, Mrs. Eileen Hale, R. N.	3-4393
School Secretary, Mrs. Priscilla Felt	3-4181
Attendance Officer, Louis Leveroni	3-4181

Principals:

Junior-Senior High School, Raymond J. Grey	3-4181
Julia L. McCarthy Primary School, Mrs. Margaret Barrett	3-4982
Center School, Mrs. Dardana Berry	3-5233
West School, Mrs. Carolyn Douglas	3-5642
South School, Miss Florence Merriam	3-4274

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Reopening of Schools, January 3, 1956

Winter Recess, February 20-24

Spring Recess, April 16-20

Memorial Day, May 30

Close of School, Grades 1-8, June 8

Graduation, June 15

Close of School, Grades 9-12, June 25

Summer Recess

Teachers' Meetings, September 4

Reopening of Elementary Schools, September 6

Columbus Day, October 12

Visiting Day (Convention or Workshop), October 26

Veterans' Day, November 12

Thanksgiving Recess, November 22, 23

Christmas Holidays, December 22 to January 1, 1957

Reopening of Elementary Schools, January 2, 1957

Winter Recess, February 18-22

Spring Recess, April 15-19

Memorial Day, May 30

Close of Elementary Schools, June 7

No School Signal

2-2-2-2 7 A. M. No School All Grades All Day

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

1955



SCHOOL COMMITTEE: *Back Row:* Frank Stevens — George Neagle — Dana Hinckley — Evelyn MacLean. *Front Row:* Thomas Wetherbee, *Chairman* — William O'Connell, *Superintendent* — Edmond McNiff.

The School Board respectfully submits this report for the year 1955.

We should like to preface our report with a sincere acknowledgment of the full cooperation received from all town officials, departments and boards. This cooperation has enabled the committee to move rapidly when necessary and is reflected in the progress made this year.

The success of the High School Building Committee and the speed with which they worked is undoubtedly the most important school development of the year. By formation of a region with Boxborough, a high school with full facilities is actually in the construction stage at this time. This assures us of termination of the two-session day upon completion of the Regional High School and is a large step towards solution of the housing difficulties that confront the committee.

Due to the efforts of the above mentioned High School Building Committee, the school board now has a plan for

school housing in the future. While it is true that no plan can be called the perfect plan, it is at least a starting point for future boards to study and enlarge upon at any time.

During the school summer vacation new lighting was installed throughout the present high school. This concludes one more part of the rehabilitation planned two years ago. The original program should be nearer to completion at this time, but due to the future occupation of the school by the elementary grades, it was deemed wiser to await any structural changes that may be necessary before installing the ventilation.

Throughout the latter part of the year the committee worked diligently and often on the expansion of our primary school facilities. This culminated in the appointment of a building committee to add six rooms to the present Julia L. McCarthy Primary School.

The committee still aims, as previously stated by past committees, to close the inadequate village schools. We are nearer to realizing this ambition than ever before. However, it should be realized that this closing should be approached with caution. If the schools are closed for a period of time and subsequently reopened, damage due to idleness may be costly. It appears now that with the opening of the Regional High School two of the village schools can be eliminated.

The move into the Regional High School will also realize one more ambition of the committee. Temporary quarters outside school buildings for some of our elementary grades will be a thing of the past — we hope, forever.

Future committees face a great deal of unfinished work. The school housing problem is far from solved. Rehabilitation on the present high school must go on to include ventilation, modification of classrooms for use by smaller children, and replacement of classroom furniture that is now old and well worn. These are a few of the more urgent problems.

We wish to conclude this report with a special thank you to our administrative staff, teachers, supervisors, and maintenance personnel whose fine work has eliminated a great many operating difficulties that ordinarily consume committee

time. This has enabled the committee to devote a larger portion of its time to planning for the future.

ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

THOMAS E. WETHERBEE, Chairman
MRS. EVELYN N. MacLEAN
DANA B. HINCKLEY
EDMOND J. McNIFF
GEORGE E. NEAGLE
FRANK R. STEVENS

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Acton:

Herewith is presented my first report as Superintendent of Schools for Acton:

School Finances 1955

Received — To the Credit of Public Schools

State Aid for Transportation (Costs above \$5 a pupil for transportation over 1½ miles)	\$3,730.62
State Aid for Public Schools (Approximately \$1,000 per teacher)	48,900.23
Tuition — Commonwealth of Massachusetts and City of Boston Wards	2,632.42
Tuition — Town of Boxborough	8,672.04
Tuition and Transportation — Town of Westford ..	939.60
Tuition — D. Maglione	3.10
Miscellaneous Collections at the High School	71.78
TOTAL	\$64,949.79

Net Cost of Operating Public Schools

Appropriated March, 1955	\$232,178.20
Total Amount Expended	\$221,192.88

Received to Credit of Schools (explanation above)	64,949.79
NET AMOUNT FROM LOCAL TAXES	\$156,243.09
Less: Cost of New Equipment (Capital Outlay)	1,877.77
NET COST OF OPERATION FROM LOCAL TAXES	\$154,365.32

Expended for Operation in 1955

	High	Elementary	Total
Instruction	\$68,382.32	\$85,857.17	\$154,239.49
Books and Supplies	4,877.48	3,615.57	8,493.05
Plant Operation	10,365.47	15,701.43	26,066.90
Plant Maintenance	416.08	3,137.90	3,553.98
Auxiliary Agencies	8,627.03	8,615.44	17,242.47
General Control	4,811.11	4,811.11	9,622.22
Contingencies	0.00	97.00	97.00
Gross Cost of Operation	\$97,479.49	\$121,835.62	\$219,315.11
Gross Cost per high school pupil (382)	\$255.18		
Gross Cost per elementary school pupil (597)		\$204.08	
Gross cost per pupil (979)			\$224.02
Gross Cost of Operation (as above)	\$97,479.49	\$121,835.62	\$219,315.11
Less Receipts	36,894.84	28,054.95	64,949.79
Net Cost of Operation	\$60,584.65	\$93,780.67	\$154,365.32
Net Cost per high school pupil (382)	\$158.60		
Net Cost per elementary school pupil (597)		\$157.09	
Net Cost per pupil (979)			\$157.67

1956 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Total appropriation recommended by the School Committee	\$223,945.00
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Estimate of School Aid and other state or federal reimbursement	\$74,650.00
Estimate of other non-tax receipts for school support	8,480.00
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Total non-local tax receipts for school support	83,130.00
Amount to be raised by local taxation for school support	\$140,815.00

Estimated Receipts for 1956

STATE AID

General School Fund	\$65,000.00
(Approximately \$1,325. per teacher)	
Federal Aid	3,500.00
Transportation	4,000.00
(Transportation of pupils over 1½ miles)	
Education of Handicapped	2,150.00
(½ cost teacher's salary, plus \$500 above that of reg. teacher)	
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TOTAL STATE AID	\$74,650.00

TUITION

Town of Boxborough	\$5,600.00
Town of Westford	760.00
City of Boston, Commonwealth of Mass.	2,050.00
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TOTAL TUITION PAYMENTS	\$8,410.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Personal telephone calls	\$50.00
Damaged Books	20.00
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TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$70.00

ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1956 SCHOOL BUDGET

NAME OF ACCOUNT	ITEMS	ELEMENTARY (GRADES I-VI)	HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES VII-XII)
Salaries	Salaries	\$99,000.00	\$52,700.00
	Substitutes	500.00	300.00
	New Staff:		
	New Fourth	1,360.00	
	Principal, consolidated elementary	1,800.00	
	Summer Programs	500.00	
	Increases — Courses or degrees completed	300.00	300.00
	TOTAL \$156,760.00	\$103,460.00	\$53,300.00
Books and Supplies	Primary	\$1,400.00	
	Center	900.00	
	South	900.00	
	West	1,300.00	
	Opportunity Class	100.00	
	A-V Aids	100.00	
	Guidance	175.00	
	Music	50.00	
	Physical Education	100.00	
	Remedial Reading	50.00	
	Miscellaneous	700.00	
	High School Supplies		\$1,000.00
	TOTAL \$6,775.00	\$5,775.00	\$1,000.00

ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1956 SCHOOL BUDGET — Continued

NAME OF ACCOUNT	ITEMS	ELEMENTARY (GRADES I-VI)	HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES VII-XII)
Operation of Plant	Janitor Service		
	Village Schools	\$6,900.00	
	High		\$3,600.00
	Primary	3,200.00	
	Other	500.00	1,000.00
	Fuel	3,300.00	1,200.00
	Supplies	500.00	1,000.00
	Water	200.00	50.00
	Gas	250.00	250.00
	Light-Power	2,000.00	2,300.00
	Telephones	500.00	400.00
	Plowing	50.00	50.00
	Rent	1,300.00	
	Miscellaneous	200.00	200.00
	TOTAL \$28,950.00	\$18,900.00	\$10,050.00
Maintenance of Plant	Typewriter Repairs		\$50.00
	Painting Blanchard Hall		300.00
	Village Schools	\$1,500.00	
	Miscellaneous	250.00	250.00
	TOTAL \$2,350.00	\$1,750.00	\$600.00
Auxiliary Agencies	Libraries	\$200.00	\$200.00
	Promotion of Health	250.00	150.00
	Transportation	10,275.00	5,275.00
	Printing and Advertising	25.00	25.00
	Graduation		175.00
	Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
	TOTAL \$16,775.00	\$10,850.00	\$5,925.00

ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS **1956 SCHOOL BUDGET — Continued**

NAME OF ACCOUNT	ITEMS	ELEMENTARY (GRADES I-VI)	HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES VII-XII)
General Control	Superintendent	\$3,100.00	\$2,140.00
	Attendance Officer	30.00	30.00
	Secretary	1,550.00	1,035.00
	Conference attendance by Superintendent	150.00	150.00
	Stationery — Postage	100.00	100.00
	School Committee	125.00	125.00
	Miscellaneous	300.00	300.00
	TOTAL \$9,235.00	\$5,355.00	\$3,880.00
Capital Outlay	Furniture — New 4th	\$600.00	
	10 Desks and Chairs	200.00	
	Replacement or Repair of School Furniture	1,200.00	
	Miscellaneous	200.00	\$200.00
	TOTAL \$2,400.00	\$2,200.00	\$200.00
Contingency Fund TOTAL \$700.00		\$400.00	\$300.00

SUMMARY

Salaries	\$156,760.00
Books and Supplies	6,775.00
Operation of Plant	28,950.00
Maintenance of Plant	2,350.00
Auxiliary Agencies	16,775.00
General Control	9,235.00
Capital Outlay	2,400.00
Contingency Fund	700.00
	\$223,945.00

Housing

Housing, the major school problem confronting the Town of Acton in the past years, has been solved during the year 1955 by the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, which is now under construction, and the formation of a building committee to plan for six rooms to be added to the Julia L. McCarthy Primary School. Since the School Board report covers the building program and future school needs, I will not dwell further on these topics except to state my agreement with the suggestion of the Planning Board that a permanent building committee be elected so that the town may gain from experienced members on this board and not have a complete change-over on each building project.

Enrollment

Projected enrollment figures show that Acton must continue to formulate plans for the future. At present, the enrollment in grades 7 and 8 just about equals that of grades 9 through 12. This June we will graduate approximately thirty-eight pupils and will have enrolled in the seventh grade this September better than 100 boys and girls from our sixth grades. In the past few years there has been a net gain of approximately sixty-two pupils, plus an average of twenty-five students transferred from other cities and towns, to our junior-senior high school.

Our current school enrollment is 992, and in September, 1956 it will be close to 1070. It will be necessary to have a new fourth grade in September, as we now have four third grades. The senior census taken in October, 1955 points to a large number of children to enter our primary school in the next six years. The census shows the following: 1956 - 112; 1957 - 112; 1958 - 125; 1959 - 136; 1960 - 132; 1961 - 106, through October. From these figures it will be necessary to have five first grades, five second grades, and five third grades in the near future. These figures are children who now live in Acton and do not allow for new families who will move into the town in the next six years.

Instruction

The school department has had many changes in the past year. With larger school enrollments it has been necessary to hire additional teachers. Other teachers have been hired to replace those who have resigned. The following teachers have resigned from the Acton School System during the year 1955: Mrs. Shirley Baumgartner, to her new residence in New Jersey, Mrs. Lydia Dadoly, to join her husband in California; Miss Ramona Davis, to accept a position in Sudbury; Miss Alice Phillips, to accept a position nearer to her home; Miss Margaret Rowe, to be married; Miss Anne Zammitti; Mr. Vincent Gannon, to the Winchester school system; Mr. Theodore Hersey, to a position in Gloucester High School; Mrs. Irene Mehuron, to join her husband in Vermont; Mrs. Leigh MacDougall, to join her husband in Chicago. Two staff members are on military leave — Arthur Gulla, who will return in September, 1956, and James Dadoly, expected to return in September, 1957.

It should be noted that many of the Acton faculty have been taking courses in their own teaching fields during the year 1955. They are: Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. O'Hearn, Mrs. deCoste, Mrs. MacLean, Mrs. Bemis, Miss Morse, Miss Maurine Berry, Miss Duffy, Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Crory, Mrs. Matsen, Mrs. Kingston, Miss Merriam, Mrs. Spiegelman, Mrs. Dagdighian, Miss Tufts, Miss Spaulding, Mr. Dillon, Miss Capitell, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Winton, Mrs. Detsch, and Mrs. Valpey, and Mrs. Demetriou.

Julia L. McCarthy

Miss Julia L. McCarthy retired in June, 1955 after forty-nine years of service in the Acton School System. Miss McCarthy, a local girl, began her teaching in South Acton in 1906 and was made principal of the present primary school, which bears her name, in September, 1953. Her many co-teachers, principals, Superintendents and janitors will remember her faithfulness and kindness, her devotion to her work and sincere desire to be of service. She will long be remembered by the people of Acton for her loyalty and dependability.

Miss McCarthy was honored by the Acton Parent-Teachers Association with the program entitled, "This Is Your Life,"

in June. This program had a member from each of Miss McCarthy's classes from 1906 to 1955. It was climaxed by a gift of a lounge chair, which was presented by President William Owen.

This was closely followed by a testimonial banquet in the new Blanchard Auditorium under the sponsorship of the School Committee. Over 300 people attended this reception and at this time Miss McCarthy was presented a gift and then the distinctive honor of receiving a plaque naming the new primary school the "Julia L. McCarthy Primary School." We all wish Julia L. McCarthy health, happiness and long life.

New Faculty Members

Miss Jean Duffy	Grade I
Miss Maurine Berry	Grade II
Mrs. June Mahoney	Grade II
Mrs. Betty Keeton	Grade III
Mrs. Mary Crory	Grade IV
Mrs. Gail Spiegelman	Grade V
Miss Dorothy McNamara	Grade VI
Mr. Arthur Hayes	Junior High Social Studies
Mr. Mason King	Junior High Science
Mrs. Helen Detsch	Junior High English
Miss Joan Capitell	Junior High Orientation
Mrs. Evelyn Valpey	Junior High English
Mrs. Dorothy Ray	High School Languages
Mrs. Christine Demetriou	High School Commercial
Mrs. Mora Rawlings	High School Social Studies
Miss Florence McDuffie	High School Science
Mrs. Mary Campbell	High School English
Mr. Robert Sullivan	High School Mathematics

Future Additions to the Faculty

It will be necessary to hire the following teachers for the opening of school in September, 1956: 1) elementary, new grade 4; 2) high school English-Latin; 3) high school social studies-English; 4) junior high mathematics; 5) junior high social studies; and 6) one each in industrial arts, home economics and art.

Books and Supplies

This phase of the budget has been increasing each year due to the growth in enrollment. New courses have meant the purchase of new books. Courses added were: occupations, a guidance course in the junior high school; simplified shorthand to replace the standard type; general mathematics, a course for those pupils in grade 9 who are not in the college section. Additional typing books were purchased to accommodate all pupils in the college course who wish to take typing. This allows for all students in the college course to take typing along with the ones in the commercial department.

Plant Operation and Maintenance

With the third year of the two-session program in operation, Mr. Leveroni and Mr. Garthe have again performed remarkably well. They have worked many hours, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays to keep the building in A-1 shape. Blanchard Hall has been used as a home room this year, and this has meant additional work for these two custodians. Major improvements made in the high school this year are covered in the report of the School Board.

During the past year three classrooms have been equipped with new furniture — Grade 3 in the American Legion Hall, and Grades 5 and 6 in South Acton have had installed the latest and best type of school furniture. Also, during the year, portions of the roofs of the Acton Center and South Acton elementary schools have been re-shingled.

Auxiliary Agencies

With approximately 900 children riding the buses daily and the two-session day still in operation, it has been a tremendous problem to transport all the children to the many sections of town. Very few complaints have been made since September regarding transportation, and this is a credit to Mr. Ormal Laffin and his group of bus drivers.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria, as in the past, has been operating without any appropriation from the town and is entirely self-support-

ing, including all salaries. Mrs. Anne Rimbach, along with her co-workers, Mrs. Lawrence Tucker, Mrs. Cleon Phelps, and Mrs. Otto Pasanen, have continued to present fine meals at a cost of twenty-five cents per meal. The menus have been printed in the local newspapers a week in advance and sent home from the primary school by the children so that the parents may know the day to day meal.

The cafeteria has been recognized as one of the best in the state. During the year it was commended by the federal auditors for its excellent bookkeeping, and Mr. Daniel R. Harrington, Assistant Director of School Lunch Programs in the State of Massachusetts, praised it highly on his recent visit. Mr. Harrington has sent the superintendent a letter praising the cleanliness, type of meal, and the cooperation he received on his visit to the cafeteria.

The cafeteria staff attended the School Lunch Institute held at Fitchburg Teachers' College in July.

Reading Improvement

The remedial reading program, under Mrs. Doris Santamour and Mrs. Edith Hatch, has continued this year. They are now working in close cooperation with Miss Ruth Proctor, Director of Guidance, who has completed giving reading tests to all children in grades 3 through 8, and any high school pupil who was having reading difficulties. Miss Proctor covers this in detail in her report, Grade XI was tested in all fields, including reading, by Boston University. It seems only practical that remedial reading teachers could be better informed and work more closely with reading problems through the Director of Guidance.

Miss Mary Lothrop

The Acton faculty and children were saddened by the death of Miss Mary Lothrop this past fall. She was always kind and considerate to all of the members of the Acton school family. Miss Lothrop bequeathed to the school department a grand piano, to which a plaque has been added with the inscription "In Memory of Miss Mary Lothrop."

At this time I should like to thank the many tradesmen in town who have been very cooperative in making repairs so that schools would be in order to hold classes.

The success of the school year is due to the excellent cooperation of the entire school family — principals, supervisors, teachers, custodians, the school physician, school nurse, and the school secretary. It has been a pleasure to work with the Acton School Committee, as they have given unselfishly of their time to find some solutions to our school problems. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Building Committee for their whole-hearted cooperation on school affairs.

Looking back over the twelve months, I think a great deal has been accomplished. This has been possible mainly through the cooperation of the different committees in town. Our biggest problem now, namely, getting off the two-session day, will be solved in the not too distant future. This will be accomplished with the completion of the regional school.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL,
Superintendent of Schools.

MEMBERS OF THE ACTON FACULTY

Name	Professional Training	Grade
PRIMARY SCHOOL		
MARGARET BARRETT	Lowell Teachers College	Principal
ANGELA BEMIS	Boston Normal School	I
JEAN DUFFY	Lowell Teachers College	I
CELINA MacLEAN	Perry Normal School	I
PHYLLIS MORSE	Fitchburg Teachers College	I
MAURINE BERRY	Oklahoma City University	II
HELEN deCOSTE	Lesley College	II
JUNE MAHONEY	Bridgewater Teachers College	II
ALICE O'HEARN	Lowell Teachers College	II
WEST SCHOOL		
CAROLYN DOUGLAS	Fitchburg Teachers College	Principal
JOANNE DAGDIGIAN	Regis College	VI
ELIZABETH TUFTS	Massachusetts School of Art	III
GAIL SPIEGELMAN	Gorham Teachers College	IV
	Mount Holyoke	
	University of Buffalo	
	Boston University	V

SOUTH SCHOOL

FLORENCE MERRIAM	Fitchburg Teachers College	Principal III
ROBERTA PUFFER	Machias Normal School University of Maine	BS III
MADELEINE KINGSTON	Fitchburg Teachers College	BS IV
KATHERINE MATSEN	Smith College	AB V
JESSIE GEMMA	Fitchburg Teachers College	VI

CENTER SCHOOL

DARDANA BERRY	Framingham Teachers College	Principal V
ELIZABETH KEETON	University of Texas	BA III
MARY CRORY	Regis College Emerson College	AB MA IV
DOROTHY McNAMARA	Lowell Teachers College	BS VI

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

RAYMOND GREY	Tufts College	AB, MS	Subject Principal
JOAN CAPITELL	Boston University	BS, M. Ed.	Orientation
HELEN DETSCH	Boston University	BS	Guidance
ARTHUR HAYES	University of Mississippi	BA	English
	Stanford University	MA	Social Studies

MASON KING

M. I. T.

BS

Harvard University

Science

WILLIAM LUBOLD

AM

Boston University

Mathematics

EVELYN VALPEY

BA, MA

Wheaton College

English

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

RAYMOND GREY

Tufts College

AB, MS

Principal

MARY CAMPBELL

Immaculata College, Pa.

AB

Social Studies

WILLIAM CLEARY

Union College

BS

English

CHRISTINE DEMETRIOU

Salem Teachers College

BS

Social Studies

JOHN DILLON

Washington and Lee

BA

Commercial

FLORENCE McDUFFIE

Fitchburg Teachers College

M. Ed.

Science

MAURICE NOLAN

Merrimack College

BS

Science

RUTH PROCTOR

Salem Teachers College

BS

Commercial

MORA RAWLINGS

Boston University

M. Ed.

English

DOROTHY RAY

Radcliffe College

AB

Boston University

English

ROBERT SULLIVAN

Brooklyn College

BA

Social Studies

MARION TOWNE

New York University

MA

Languages

Boston University

AB

Mathematics

Boston College

BS

English

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MARY EMERSON

University of New Hampshire

BS

Home Economics

EDITH HATCH	Fitchburg Normal School			Remedial Reading
RALPH STETSON	Mass. School of Art			Industrial Arts
	Northeastern University			
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	ALL SCHOOLS			
WILLIAM O'CONNELL	Boston University	BS, M. Ed.		Superintendent of Schools
SALVATORE LIPOMI	Lowell Teachers College	BS		Opportunity Class
	Tufts College	M. Ed.		
JOHN PRISKE	Truro College	AB		Music
	New England Conservatory	MS		
RUTH PROCTOR	Radcliffe College	AB		
	Boston University	M. Ed.		Guidance
DORIS SANTAMOUR	Lowell Teachers College	BS		Elem. Rem. Reading
CAROL SPAULDING	Massachusetts School of Art	BS		Art
ISADORE STEARNS	University of Maine	BS		Physical Education
JOHN WINTON	University of Massachusetts	BS		Physical Education

AGE AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE (Oct. 1, 1955)

PRE-SCHOOL																
Entering Class of																
1961 1960 1959 1958 1957 1956																
Pre-School 106 132 136 125 112 112																
I	16	73	2													91
II		20	97	3												120
III			20	79	8	1										108
IV				28	63	7	3									101
V					17	41	9	1								75
VI						14	63	10								87
Opportunity Class							2	2	5	4	2					15
																ELEMENTARY
VII							1	10	74	7	2					597
VIII									27	50	2					94
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																JUNIOR HIGH
IX																173
X									15	32	9	1				57
XI									15	42	9	1				67
XII										7	31	8	1			47
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																HIGH SCHOOL
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REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

In September of 1955 school started with a total of two hundred twelve students in grades nine through twelve and one hundred seventy-two in grades seven and eight. This large enrolment posed a serious problem with respect to home-room space. The only solution for placement of the ninety-five seventh graders was to use the auditorium. Although not good, this plan has proved workable because of the cooperation of the pupils with their four teachers.

The new pupil population necessitated also an increase in our teaching staff to assure us of keeping class size at an efficient level. The following teachers were added: Miss McDuffie, science; Mrs. Detsch and Mrs. Campbell, English; Mrs. Rawlings and Mr. Hayes, social studies; and Miss Capitell, guidance.

With the additional staff members, a slightly more flexible schedule was possible even with the two-session day. Through study and discussions during the summer, it was decided to add a sixth period to each session. School now begins earlier in the morning and the senior high day ends at 12:17 P. M. We also added an extra period at 1:06 P. M. for those students who need extra help, and many students are taking advantage of this period. The new schedule also allows time for teachers' meetings and for conferences with parents. Such conferences are welcomed and may be arranged by contacting the guidance department.

The junior high school day starts at 12:17 P. M. and ends at 4:44. Students who need extra help may arrange for it between 10:50 and 11:30 A. M. Junior high teachers are available for conferences from 10:00 to 11:30 daily.

In order to enrich the academic curriculum as much as possible within the limits imposed by present facilities, we added a course in occupations for the eighth grade, made biology a requirement for all sophomores, and started a new course called "Useful Mathematics" for freshmen not planning to further their education at colleges or business schools. In the commercial course, we initiated the new Simplified Gregg

Shorthand in order to satisfy current requirements of business and business schools. Additional sections of personal typing have been provided for students who plan to go to college.

Miss Towne, Head of the English Department, prepared a course of study as a guide for teachers of all students in grades seven through twelve. A syllabus for the social studies was also prepared and is now in use. It is our intention to clarify the course content of the other departments as part of a general evaluation program and as an aid to new teachers entering our school system.

Another effort has been made in the direction of standardization and higher student achievement, namely the initiation of a unit examination system. Toward the end of each seven-week period, review sessions are held in all classes and these are followed by comprehensive examinations. It is hoped that by these methods, together with the customary final examinations in June, students will become more serious in their day-to-day study and will learn to have and to attain long-range objectives.

Extra-curricular activities have been severely curtailed by the continuation of the two-session system. However, members of the senior class produced another fine play and they are still engaged in raising funds for their Washington trip during the spring vacation. Driver Education is offered after school hours and many students are taking advantage of this program. The student council has been revitalized under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Ray. The senior high athletic teams are active. League competition in junior high athletics has been eliminated because we felt that in previous years the students were losing valuable class time in order to meet the schedules of other schools. As a replacement we have organized a morning intra-mural program under the direction of Miss Isadore Stearns and Mr. Mason King, and we find that many boys and girls are participating enthusiastically.

At the seventieth annual meeting of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Acton High School was elected to membership. This association is the regional accrediting agency which has set standards for public secondary schools. In order to be accepted, Acton High School

had to show what was being accomplished in the following educational areas: school philosophy, programs of study, graduation requirements, guidance and records, number of teachers, qualifications of teachers, teaching load, health, buildings and equipment. It was very gratifying to hear that we had been admitted, for it shows that despite the two-platoon system, the standards of a good secondary school have been upheld.

I should like to express my deepest appreciation to the School Committee and to Mr. O'Connell for their faith and cooperation and to the faculty and students for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND J. GREY,
Principal.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE

During the six-month interval between August, 1954 and March, 1955 while the Director of Guidance was substituting as High School Principal, certain guidance activities were necessarily limited. Most important of these were the periodic interviews with the non-problem student for the purpose of educational and vocational planning. Matters of social and emotional adjustment came naturally to the office of the Principal and could sometimes be approached from a guidance viewpoint, but time left the average student few opportunities to seek help in formulating his plans.

After the first of March the attention of one person could be focused once again on students as individuals, and until the close of school in June the following activities were predominant: (1) interviews concerning plans of study for the 1955-1956 school year (2) testing of pupils in grades four and six and interpretation of the results to the teachers concerned, and (3) study with the sixth grade teachers of the incoming seventh graders preliminary to grouping the students homogeneously. Pleasant and beneficial contacts were made

with students, teachers in the village schools, and parents — particularly those of eighth graders, who were faced for the first time with the difficult task of choosing high school subjects to suit their interests, abilities, and aims.

Summer projects included completion of the class schedule, grouping of seventh and eighth graders according to school achievement and results of tests, assignment to classes of students in grades nine through twelve according to their plans of study, completion of records and transcripts for the Class of 1955, a few interviews with students and parents, and the formulation of plans for the current school year. Among these plans were the coordination of seventh grade orientation classes and the addition of an eighth grade course — occupations — to serve a guidance function. In orientation it is hoped that discussion of common problems — social, educational, physical and mental health — may aid in the adjustment to new environments. The occupations course serves to draw the attention of eighth graders to their own abilities, interests, and objectives and to acquaint them with the broad areas of the world of work. Orientation and occupations have the additional purpose of stimulating students who are in need of individual help to seek it through interviews with their counselor. The appointment of Miss Joan Capitell as teacher-counselor for grades seven and eight made possible this enriched junior high program.

School opened in September with a population in grades seven through twelve increased by approximately eighty-five students and five teachers. Guidance personnel and High School Principal now share a 12 x 18 office, and a private and uninterrupted interview between any two persons is almost an impossibility. However activities have continued and when space is exhausted in the high school building, a request for a corner in the primary school is granted graciously.

At this date most of the seniors who wish to continue their formal education after graduation have filed one or more applications and transcripts of their records have been forwarded to the colleges. The achievement testing throughout the schools was completed in October this year, the theory being that the results would be more helpful to students, parents, and teachers than they have been in the past when tests

were not given until late in the year. A reading test has been given to every student in grades three through eight and to any one in grades nine through twelve who has been shown previously to be in need of remedial work. The remedial reading classes, taught by Mrs. Santamour and Mrs. Hatch, have been organized on the basis of the test results and students will be re-tested before they are allowed to dispense with the special help.

The scope of guidance can be ever-widening, since guidance seeks to serve the individual by supplementing the group services of the school program. Curriculum study and possible revisions and additions for the new regional high school have been major concerns of the Director of Guidance and the High School Principal this fall, and they will continue to be until new schedule plans are complete. Correspondence and visits with personnel of other schools and with state supervisors have been rewarding in connection with this work.

Opportunities for growth and diversity in Acton's guidance department are many, and the future is challenging. It is hoped that more time may be devoted soon to development of the elementary program and to research in the areas of testing, placement, and follow-up.

The interest of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee, as shown by the appointment this year of an additional guidance counselor, is most gratifying, as is the cooperation of fellow staff members.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH R. PROCTOR,
Director of Guidance.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. William O'Connell
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

The annual physical examinations were completed in October. Special examinations for all those participating in organized athletics were conducted at the beginning of the school year. Parents were notified of all medical, orthopedic and dental abnormalities.

In conjunction with the Board of Health the usual Schick Test and inoculations of Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid were given to children of the lower grades. Also in June, children of the first and second grades, whose parents granted permission, were given their first inoculation of the Salk Poliomyelitis vaccine. Because of prevalent respiratory infections this necessitated two sessions, in both of which the entire personnel of the Board of Health was utilized. No reactions or complications following the use of the vaccine were noted.

I wish to thank you, the townspeople, teachers and school nurse for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL P. GATES, M. D.,
School Physician.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. William O'Connell
Superintendent of Schools
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Report for the school year ending December 31, 1955 is as follows:

Physical examinations have been completed for the first, third, and fifth grades of the grammar schools. The athletes

of the senior high school, plus grades nine and twelve, were also examined by the school physician. It was noted that poor posture and insufficient care of the teeth are still the main physical defects.

We were able to make arrangements with the Forsyth Dental Clinic to observe a cross-section of our pupils in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Of the one hundred and twenty-nine children who made the trips to Boston to have their teeth cleaned, there were fifty-four children that needed further attention. We were able to arrange for only eleven children to have cavities filled or teeth extracted, due to the amount of time necessary to travel back and forth to Boston. This time element, plus the cost of transportation, plus the cost of a substitute nurse (and the last trip necessitated a substitute teacher) made us feel that the money was not being spent on the care of the children's teeth but on just trying to get them taken care of.

The problem was presented to our resident dentist, Dr. Albright, and with his fine cooperation and suggestions, the school children will have a Dental Clinic in January, 1956. A small fee will be charged to offset the expense incurred by the Board of Health, which is responsible for maintaining the clinic.

Eye and ear examinations have been completed in all grades. Sometimes the deficiency slips are unavoidably sent after corrections have been made, and we would appreciate it if the parents would state just what has been done and return the slips for our records.

Pre-school Clinics were held at the Julia L. McCarthy Primary School in May. An afternoon was arranged for each precinct and the registration of ninety-five children was taken care of by the school personnel, and the physical examinations of the children by Dr. Gates, the school physician.

Diphtheria Clinic was held in May with 170 children in the first, third and fifth grades being Schick tested. Twelve children needed complete immunization and ten received booster inoculations.

During the last two weeks of May, we inoculated 167 children with the Salk Poliomyelitis Vaccine, without any

known reactions. It may be well to note that the cases of polio that occurred in Acton were not in the families of the children that were inoculated and that the families had very little if any contact with each other. We will certainly let the parents know when we can carry out any further program of inoculation against this disease.

Daily contact has been kept with the schools, but it is impossible to be on hand at all times. It is increasingly necessary to use a second nurse to give better health supervision, not only to the school children, but also to the adults in the town, as you will notice by reading my other report.

I wish to thank Mrs. Hazel Vose, R. N., and all the school personnel for their kind assistance in aiding me at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN F. HALE, R. N.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

June 17, 1955

Essayists	Beverly Lyons
	Louise Fitzgerald
Valedictorian	Janet Roth
Scholarship Awards:	
Acton High School Scholarship Fund	
Beverly Lyons	Bentley School of Accounting
Janet Roth	Brandeis University
West Acton Woman's Club	
Anne Kazokas	State Teachers College at Framingham
Acton Center Woman's Club	
Paul Greenough	Nasson College
Parent-Teachers Association	
Louise Fitzgerald	Boston University
Rotary Club of Maynard	
Anne Kazokas	State Teachers College at Framingham
Acton Teachers' Association	
Paul Greenough	Nasson College

Special Gift from Miss Julia L. McCarthy
Anne Kazokas State Teachers College at Framingham

Other Awards:

Daughters of the American Revolution Good
Citizenship Certificate

Anne Kazokas

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Alumni Medal for
Excellence in Mathematics and Science

Janet Roth

Bausch and Lomb Science Medal

Janet Roth

American Legion Medals for Scholarship, Loyalty
and Achievement

Sylvia Flint

Paul Greenough

Harvard Club of Concord Book Prize

Malcolm Langille

National Honor Society Members

Seniors: Louise Fitzgerald, Sylvia Flint, Anne Kazokas,
Janet Roth, Anna Schmitz

Juniors: Judith Hatch, Irene Kazokas

CLASS OF 1955

Elizabeth Celina Barrett	Richard Vincent Manion
Robert A. Davis	Thomas L. McCarthy
James H. Erikson	Ronald N. Morris
Susan Little Fitz	Lucy Newport
Louise Helen Fitzgerald	Virginia Lee Newton
Sylvia June Flint	Alice Marion Pederson
Paul William Greenough	Raymond F. Poirier
Brooks R. Herrick	Phyllis Rose Robinson
Lorraine Maren Hope	Janet Ann Roth
Myrna Jean Ingham	Anna Lois Schmitz
William Ralph Jones	Margaret Theresa Sexton
Anne Marie Kazokas	James T. Shea
Richard T. Kelley	William H. Soar, Jr.
John A. C. Kimball	Mary Martha Tuttle
John Richard Lindfors	Sandra Angeline Whitney
Beverly Geraldine Lyons	

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE 1955 REPORT

ORGANIZATION

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

George E. Neagle, ChairmanActon
Joseph H. HartshornBoxborough
Thomas E. WetherbeeActon
Mrs. Priscilla Felt, Secretary-Treasurer

MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular meetings are held every Tuesday at the Julia L. McCarthy Primary School at 7:30 P. M.

Superintendent of SchoolsWilliam L. O'Connell
PrincipalRaymond J. Grey
Director of GuidanceMiss Ruth R. Proctor

The Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee respectfully submits the following report for the year 1955.

The history of the committee dates from the appointment of the Acton High School Building Committee in November of 1954. That committee was organized as follows: Norman McIntosh, Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Boardman, Secretary; Dana Hinckley, Porter Jenks, Aubrey Kretschmar, George Neagle and Thomas Wetherbee.

During the months of November and December architects were interviewed and conferences were held with the School Building Assistance Commission. From these meetings, Perley F. Gilbert Associates, Inc. of Lowell were selected as architects and the plans for a six-year, 625 student high school developed.

At the suggestion of the School Building Assistance Commission, study was made of a regional school district consisting of Acton and Boxborough. The financial benefits of this plan were many, and meetings were held with Boxborough representatives to discuss such a region. At special town meetings held early in February it was voted to appoint a Regional School Planning Committee with three members from each

town. This committee, Aubrey Kretschmar, Norman McIntosh and Thomas Wetherbee for Acton, and John McNamara, Joseph Hartshorn and John Lymberg for Boxborough, submitted, in March, a Regional Agreement for approval of the two towns.

The organizational meeting of the Regional School Committee was held on March 29. At this meeting, the Acton Building Committee, plus John W. Lymberg of Boxborough, were appointed as a Regional Building Committee. Also in March, Acton voted to withdraw from the Nagog Regional District.

The work of the Building Committee continued during the formation of the Region. Many meetings were held with the architects, the School Building Assistance Commission, an educational consultant, and the State Emergency Finance Board.

A curriculum for the new school was drawn up, and a detailed study made of population trends in the two towns.

An Act of the State Legislature was passed legalizing the Region.

By the first of April it was possible to make an estimate of the cost of construction. On May 9, at special town meetings, a bond issue of \$1,300,000.00 was approved. In the same month Mrs. Priscilla Felt was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Region, proceedings were begun to finance the new building using the services of the Second Bank-State Street Trust Company, and Mr. Warren Carley of Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge & Rugg, the bonding attorneys, was engaged as legal counsel.

In June a committee of local insurance agents was appointed to keep the Committee informed of the insurance needs of the Region as the building program progressed.

Final discussion of plans was held in June, and on July 6 it was voted to accept the architects' plans as of that date. The next six weeks were spent in clearing these plans with the various agencies concerned. In July Mr. William O'Connell was appointed Superintendent of the Region, Mr. Raymond Grey, Principal, and Miss Ruth Proctor, Director of Guidance. Advertisements for bids were published in August.

In September, Arnold H. Mercier of West Acton was engaged as Clerk of the Works for the building of the school.

On September 7, bids for construction were opened. The lowest bid was \$1,170,000. With this figure it was impossible to start construction of the building because funds were insufficient for equipment and site development. Working with the architects and legal counsel, a time schedule was planned to insure signing of a construction contract prior to the end of thirty days from bid opening, at which time all bids would approved an additional bond issue of \$300,000 and on October 11 an adjusted contract was signed with J. F. Rand & Son for \$1,225,067 for the construction of the school. Construction began the following week.

On November 2, the first \$1,300,000.00 of bonds were sold at a price of 100.77% with an interest rate of 2.70%

The past two months have seen considerable progress in the development of the school site and start of the building. An operating budget for 1956 has been submitted, more planning has been done on curriculum, and a sub-committee is planning equipment for the building.

The Regional School Committee wishes to thank all who are, or have been, engaged in the planning and building of this new school for the time, effort, and cooperation they have given to this project.

The Acton-Boxborough Regional School
District Committee

GEORGE E. NEAGLE, Chairman
JOSEPH H. HARTSHORN
THOMAS E. WETHERBEE

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report

Appropriations June 1955	\$3,000.00	
Receipts June 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955:		
Loan—Anticipation of Bond		
Issue	75,000.00	
Loan—Accrued Interest	15.63	
Forfeiture of Performance		
Bond	1,000.00	
Construction Loan:		
Principal	1,225,000.00	
Premium	10,010.00	
Accrued Interest	10,822.50	
		\$1,324,848.13
Payments June 1955 to Dec. 31,		
1955	\$119,779.90	
Balance December 31, 1955:		
Second Bank-State Street		
Trust Co. and Middlesex		
County National Bank	459,694.06	
U. S. Treasury Bills in custody of		
Second Bank-State Street		
Trust Co.	745,374.17	
		\$1,324,848.13

Schedule of Payments

Maintenance and Operation:	
General Control	\$1,141.06
Expenses of Instruction	0.00
Operation of Plant	0.00
Maintenance of Plant	0.00
Auxiliary Agencies	360.90
Outlay	0.00

Cost of Transportation	0.00	
Special Charges	0.00	
Miscellaneous	17.59	
		\$1,519.55
Construction		106,960.35
Purchase of Land		11,300.00
		\$119,779.90

PRISCILLA FELT,
District Treasurer.

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposed Budget for 1956
January 1 — December 31, 1956

General Control

School Committee Expenses	\$110.00	
Superintendent's Salary	1,767.00	
Secretarial Services	817.00	
Treasurer Services	600.00	
Supervisor of Attendance	40.00	
Stationery and Postage	100.00	
Conference Attendance by Superintendent	100.00	
School Census	150.00	
Educational Consultants	434.00	
Magazines, Books, Dues, etc. ..	50.00	
Bonding Treasurer	259.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	
TOTAL GENERAL CONTROL		\$4,727.00

Expenses of Instruction

Present Faculty, 25 members	\$34,610.00
Additional Needs — Seven	

Teachers, Librarian, High	
School Secretary	12,520.00
Substitutes	400.00
Military Service Fund	140.00
Eleventh Grade Testing Pro-	
gram	88.00
Increases	300.00
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Total Salaries	\$48,058.00

Textbooks

English	\$536.15
Mathematics	183.84
Science	233.20
Social Studies	576.80
Languages	141.30
Business	223.36
Remedial Reading	46.70
Orientation and Occupations ..	101.20
Guidance	97.00
Music	150.00
Art	56.95
Shop	282.00
Home Economics	300.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
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Total Textbooks	\$3,428.50

Instructional Supplies (Specific)

English	\$70.70
Science	150.00
Remedial Reading	57.70
Guidance	165.41
Music	150.00
Art	196.46
Shop	200.00
Home Economics	300.00
Physical Education ..	168.75
Audio-Visual Aids	100.00
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Total Supplies (Spe-	
cific)	\$1,559.02

Instructional Supplies (General)	1,000.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION	\$54,045.52
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Operation of Plant

Custodians, 4—including one matron	\$5,000.00	
Fuel	1,600.00	
Light	2,000.00	
Gas	340.00	
Telephone	200.00	
Plowing	100.00	
Supplies	1,000.00	
Water	200.00	
Insurance — Compre- hensive Building ..	1,500.00	
Liability	400.00	1,900.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	
Total Operation of Plant		\$12,640.00

Maintenance of Plant

Typewriter Repair	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	
Total Maintenance of Plant		\$450.00

Auxiliary Agencies

School Physician	\$100.00	
School Nurse	600.00	
Health Supplies	100.00	
Library	50.00	
Insurance	75.00	
Printing and Advertising	25.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	
Total Auxiliary Agencies		\$1,050.00

Outlay

Miscellaneous	\$100.00
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Cost of Transportation

September through December	\$5,600.00
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Special Charges (None)

Miscellaneous	\$150.00
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Summary

GENERAL CONTROL	\$4,727.00
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EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION	54,045.52
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OPERATION OF PLANT	12,640.00
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MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	450.00
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AUXILIARY AGENCIES	1,050.00
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OUTLAY	100.00
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COST OF TRANSPORTATION	5,600.00
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SPECIAL CHARGES	0.00
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MISCELLANEOUS	150.00
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Total Operating Budget	\$78,762.52
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Capital Budget

Interest on Bonds	\$35,100.00
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Payment on Principal	65,000.00
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	\$100,100.00
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Less State Aid	39,000.00
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Total Capital Budget	\$61,100.00
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Total Amount to be Appropriated	\$139,862.52
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APPORTIONMENT OF THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE TOWNS OF ACTON AND BOXBOROUGH

Acton

*Operating Expenses, 87.8% of		
\$78,762.52	\$69,153.49	
Capital Expenses, 95% of		
\$61,100.00	58,045.00	
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Total Acton's Share		\$127,198.49

Boxborough

*Operating Expenses, 12.2% of		
\$78,762.52	\$9,609.03	
Capital Expenses, 5% of		
\$61,100.00	3,055.00	
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Total Boxborough's Share ..		\$12,664.03
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Total		\$139,862.52

* Acton High School Enrollment 10/1/55	384
Number of Boxborough students included	47

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